

## **The Corporation of the Town of Essex**

### **By-Law Number 2360**

Being a By-Law to designate E.F. Darby's Drugstore located at 11 King Street in Harrow, more particularly described as RCP 1645 LOT 32, as being of cultural heritage value or interest under the provisions of the Ontario Heritage Act, R.S.O. 1990, c.O.18.

**WHEREAS** Section 29 of the Ontario Heritage Act, R.S.O., Chapter O.18, authorizes the Council of a municipality to enact By-Laws to designate real property within the municipality, including all buildings and structures thereof, to be of cultural heritage value or interest;

**AND WHEREAS** the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Essex deems it desirable to designate E.F. Darby's Drugstore located at 11 King Street, Harrow, more particularly described as RCP 1645 LOT 32, as being of cultural heritage value and interest;

**AND WHEREAS** Notice of Intention to Designate E.F. Darby's Drugstore has been served on the owner of the property and on the Ontario Heritage Trust and such notice was published in the Essex Free Press and Harrow News, newspapers having general circulation in the municipality;

**AND WHEREAS** the reasons for designation are set out in Schedule 'B' attached to and forming part of this By-Law;

**AND WHEREAS** no notice of objection to the proposed designation has been served on the Clerk of the Municipality.

**NOW THEREFORE** be it resolved that the Council of The Corporation of the Town of Essex hereby enacts as follows:

1. **That** the real property known as E.F. Darby's Drugstore located at 11 King Street, Harrow, more particularly described as RCP 1645 LOT 32, is hereby designated as being of cultural heritage value and interest.
2. **That** the Clerk is hereby authorized and instructed to register a copy of this By-Law against the property described in Schedule 'A', attached hereto, in the local Land Registry Office.
3. **That** the Clerk/or his/her designate, is hereby authorized to cause a copy of the By-Law to be served on the owner of the aforesaid property and on the Ontario Heritage Trust and to cause Notice of this By-law to be published in the Essex Free Press and in the Harrow News.
4. **That** the effective date of this By-Law shall be the date of final passage thereof.

**Read a first, a second and a third time and finally passed on August 12, 2024.**

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Mayor

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Clerk

**SCHEDULE 'A' TO BY-LAW 2360**

**E.F. Darby's Drugstore  
11 King Street, Harrow, Ontario**

**Legal Description**

RCP 1645 LOT 32

## SCHEDULE 'B' TO BY-LAW 2360

### Reasons for Designation Under the Ontario Heritage Act, R.S.O. 1990, Chapter O.18

#### E.F. Darby's Drugstore

##### **General Description of Property**

11 King Street West is in the commercial district of the former Township of Harrow, now Town of Essex, on the south side of King Street, in between 15 King Street West and 5 King Street West.

##### **Description of Property that has Cultural Heritage Value or Interest**

The area of the property that demonstrates cultural heritage value or interest is the area that includes the two-storey, brick commercial building built in the late 19<sup>th</sup> century.

##### **Statement of Cultural Heritage Value or Interest**

###### *Historical/Associative*

*The property has historical value or associative value because it has direct associations with a theme, event, belief, person, activity, organization or institution that is significant to a community.*

11 King Street West retains its historical and associative value because it has direct associations with E. F. Darby, the first Mayor of the Town of Harrow following its incorporation in 1930. E. F. Darby was instrumental in lobbying the government of Ontario to pass a special statute that would incorporate the Town of Harrow.

Edmund F. Darby was also the Town's druggist (pharmacist) and registered optometrist. The commercial building was constructed in 1890. Darby operated his business, Darby's Drug Store, from 11 King St. West for over 50 years.

###### *Contextual*

*The property has contextual value because it is important in defining, maintaining or supporting the character of an area.*

11 King Street West is located within the area of downtown Harrow. Downtown Harrow includes several buildings which are the earliest buildings blocks of Harrow's commercial district. 11 King Street West is important in defining, maintaining and supporting the character of downtown Harrow because it is one of the original building blocks of Harrow and is reflective of architecture for late 19<sup>th</sup> century commercial buildings.

##### **Description of Heritage Attributes**

The key heritage attributes that contribute to the historical/associative value that has direct associations with E.F. Darby includes:

- The buildings location in the commercial district of Harrow along King Street.

The key heritage attributes that contribute to the contextual value of 11 King Street West includes:

- The location of the building in the commercial district of Harrow,
- The mass, form, and style of the commercial building,
- The brick cladding on all elevations of the building,
- All existing window and door openings and the decorative features around them.