

The Corporation of the Town of Essex

By-Law Number 2352

Being a By-Law to designate the John Snider House located at 179 County Road 50 in Colchester, more particularly described as CON 1 PT LOT 73 T/W & S/T ROW'S, 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 the John Snider House located at 179 County Road 50, Colchester, more particularly described as CON 1 PT LOT 73 T/W & S/T ROW'S, as being of cultural heritage value and interest;

AND WHEREAS Notice of Intention to Designate the John Snider House 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 the John Snider House located at 179 County Road 50, Colchester, more particularly described as CON 1 PT LOT 73 T/W & S/T ROW'S, 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.

Mayor

Clerk

SCHEDULE 'A' TO BY-LAW 2355

**John Snider House
179 County Road 50, Ontario**

Legal Description

CON 1 PT LOT 73 T/W & S/T ROW'S

SCHEDULE 'B' TO BY-LAW 2352

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

John Snider House

General Description of Property

179 County Road 50 is a 1.4 hectare residential lot located on the south side of County Road 50, just west of Walnut Lane and the Hamlet of Colchester, and fronting on Lake Erie.

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 colonial style home built in 1813.

Statement of Cultural Heritage Value or Interest

Design/Physical Value

The property has design value or physical value because it is a rare, unique, representative or early example of a style, type, expression, material or construction method.

179 County Road 50 retains design and physical value because it is a rare representation of a colonial home built in a Loyalist architectural style with inspiration from a log house. The house demonstrates this style primarily through its layout, the materials used to construct it, the roof line, and the windows and window placement.

Historical/Associative Value

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.

179 County Road 50 retains historical or associative value because it has direct associations with John Snider who built the home in 1813. John Snider was a United Empire Loyalist (U.E.L) who settled in Colchester in the 1790s following his family's escape from the United States after the American War of Independence. Like other United Empire Loyalist's, Snider refused to fight alongside the revolutionaries during the American War of Independence, remaining loyal to the British Crown, and migrated north immediately following the conflict to avoid persecution.

Many loyalist families were granted land in both Upper and Lower-Canada by the government of King George III for their loyalty to the crown. This aided in the further settlement of both Upper and Lower-Canada and in the development of English-speaking Canada.

Snider was granted the entirety of Lot 73 just west of the village of Colchester by King George III. It is purported that from the house's location, builders were able to hear cannons being fired during the Battle of Lake Erie on September 10, 1813. Snider died on May 17, 1828, and he and his wife, Elizabeth, are buried at the Tofflemire-Snider Cemetery just east of the Hamlet of Colchester.

The property has historical value or associative value because it yields, or has the potential to yield, information that contributes to an understanding of a community or culture.

179 County Road 50 retains historical or associative value because it has the potential to yield information on the lifestyle of some of the earliest settlers in the area and showcases the parcels that were often granted to United Empire Loyalists by King George III. The house

showcases the types of materials and construction methods of the era and is connected to one of the first settler families in the area.

Description of Heritage Attributes

The key heritage attributes that contribute to the design and physical value of 179 County Road 50, includes:

- All existing window openings and door openings,
- The limestone and walnut logs forming the foundation and walls,
- The brick chimney,
- The existing shape of the roof line and roof peaks.

The key heritage attributes that contribute to the historical/associative value that has direct associations with John Snider and the Snider family include:

- The location of the house on the southern side of County Road 50, along the northern shore of Lake Erie,
- The location of the house on the lands with a view of Lake Erie and the surrounding farmland,
- The views and vistas of Lake Erie from the house,
- Unencumbered access from the House to Lake Erie.