

The Corporation of the Town of Essex

By-Law Number 2358

Being a By-Law to designate the John McIntyre Harness Hop Building located at 103 King Street West in Harrow, more particularly described as RCP 1645 LOT 12, 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 McIntyre Harness Shop Building located at 103 King Street West, Harrow, more particularly described as RCP 1645 LOT 12, as being of cultural heritage value and interest;

AND WHEREAS Notice of Intention to Designate the John McIntyre Harness Shop Building 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 a notice of objection to the proposed designation has been served on the Clerk of the Municipality;

AND WHEREAS the Council for the Corporation of the Town of Essex has considered the objection;

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 McIntyre Harness Shop Building located at 103 King Street West, Harrow, more particularly described as RCP 1645 LOT 12, 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, and a second time and provisionally passed on August 12, 2024.

Mayor

Clerk

Read a third time and final time and finally passed on September 3, 2024.

Mayor

Clerk

SCHEDULE 'A' TO BY-LAW 2358

**John McIntyre's Harness Shop Building
103 King Street West, Harrow, Ontario**

Legal Description

RCP 1645 LOT 12

SCHEDULE 'B' TO BY-LAW 2358

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

John McIntyre Harness Shop Building

General Description of Property

103 King Street West is located in the commercial district of the former Township of Harrow, now Town of Essex, on the south side of King Street, on the corner of King Street West and Victoria Street South.

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, red brick commercial building built in 1896.

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.

103 King Street West retains significant historical and associative value because it is directly associated with John McIntyre. McIntyre was a local businessman and harness maker who helped with the development of Harrow's commercial district in the late 19th century and into the early 20th century.

McIntyre was a renowned harness maker during the late 1890s into the 1920s. He won multiple awards for his craftsmanship at both the Harrow and Leamington Fairs. Harness making was an important business during that time, as horses were both the main source of power on a farm and transportation.

John McIntyre arrived in Harrow in the early 1890s, moving to the area from Leamington. He bought his first shop from Mr. Charles (Chas.) Webster soon after arriving in the former Rumball block of Harrow and quickly built a successful business with a reputation for high quality harnesses. In 1895/1896 he purchased the property at the corner of Victoria and King Street, and in 1896 he would build a new commercial building to house a hardware store. The building would also briefly serve as the community's public library from 1899 until 1904. In 1906, McIntyre would fully move his harness shop from his store in the former Rumball block of Harrow and it would remain open until the early 1920s. John McIntyre would pass away on February 14th, 1923, after living and working in Harrow for 30 years.

Contextual

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

103 King Street

103 King Street West retains significant contextual value as a late 19th century commercial building due to the building's overall architectural style being reflective of Harrow's downtown core. Built in 1896 by John McIntyre, the building stands as an important feature in maintaining and supporting the character of Harrow's downtown core through the architectural style and the material used in the building.

Description of Heritage Attributes

The key heritage attributes that contribute to the historical/associative value that has direct associations with John McIntyre includes:

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

The Key heritage attributes that contribute to the contextual value of 103 King Street West, include:

- The location of the building in the commercial district of Harrow,
- The mass, form, and style the commercial building,
- The red brick cladding in common brick bond on all building elevations,
- All existing window and door openings topped with rowlock and header brick voussoirs.