

The Corporation of the Town of Essex

By-Law Number 2361

Being a By-Law to designate John McAfee's General Store located at 3 King Street in Harrow, more particularly described as RCP 1645 LOT 34, 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 John McAfee's General Store located at 3 King Street West, Harrow, more particularly described as RCP 1645 LOT 34, as being of cultural heritage value and interest;

AND WHEREAS Notice of Intention to Designate the John McAfee General Store 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 McAfee General Store located at 3 King Street, Harrow, more particularly described as RCP 1645 LOT 34, 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 2361

**John McAfee General Store
3 King Street, Harrow, Ontario**

Legal Description

RCP 1645 LOT 34

SCHEDULE 'B' TO BY-LAW 2361

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

John McAfee General Store

General Description of Property

3 King Street West is located in the former township of Harrow, now Town of Essex, on the south side of King Street and at the corner of King Street West and McAfee Street, opposite 21 King Street East.

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

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.

3 King Street West retains its historical and associative value because it has direct associations with John McAfee. McAfee was a civil engineer who worked for Hiram Walker in the 1880s and surveyed the area in and surrounding Harrow for the construction of the Lake Erie, Essex, and Detroit River railway. McAfee was also an influential businessman who helped develop Harrow's downtown core during the late 19th century, helped organize the first Harrow Fair in 1878, and contributed much to the growth of Harrow and the surrounding rural areas.

The building is one of the original building blocks of downtown Harrow, having been built prior to 1883, prior to the completion of McAfee Street in 1888.

Contextual

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

3 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. 3 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 19th century commercial buildings.

Description of Heritage Attributes

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

- The buildings location at the corner of King Street West and McAfee Street.

The key heritage attributes that contribute to the contextual value of 3 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 red brick cladding in common brick bond on all elevations of the building,

- All existing window openings topped with rowlock and header brick voussoirs on the building,
- Decorative inlaid white bricks,
- Decorative frieze on the front façade.