

The Corporation of the Town of Essex

By-Law Number 2362

Being a By-Law to designate the Former Harrow Municipal Building located at 44 King Street East in Harrow, more particularly described as PLAN 1236 LOT 30 LOT 31, 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 former Harrow Municipal Building located at 44 King Street, Harrow, more particularly described as PLAN 1236 LOT 30 LOT 31, as being of cultural heritage value and interest;

AND WHEREAS Notice of Intention to Designate the former Harrow Municipal 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 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 former Harrow Municipal Building located at 44 King Street East, Harrow, more particularly described as PLAN 1236 LOT 30 LOT 31 , 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 2362
Former Harrow Municipal Building
44 King Street East, Harrow, Ontario

Legal Description

PLAN 1236 LOT 30 LOT 31

SCHEDULE 'B' TO BY-LAW 2362

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

Former Harrow Municipal Building

General Description of Property

44 King Street East is located in the commercial district of the former Township of Harrow, now Town of Essex, on the North Side of King Street, in between 34 King Street East and 60 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 two-storey, brick commercial building built in 1939.

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.

44 King Street East retains significant historical and associative value because it has direct associations with the incorporation of the Town of Harrow in 1930 and to J. H. Madill, a local business owner who helped fund the construction of the building. The building served as the community's municipal building from 1939 until 1999 when the Town of Harrow amalgamated with the Town of Essex. The building housed all municipal offices, a banquet hall, the library, hydro offices and the Post office until it was moved to its current location at 38 King Street.

The property has historical value or associative value because it demonstrates or reflects the work or ideas of an architect, artist, builder, designer or theorist who is significant to a community.

44 King Street East retains historical and associative value because it reflects the works of prominent Windsor architect, J. C. Pennington, who designed the building in 1938. James Carlisle Pennington, or J. C. Pennington, is a well-known architect who is credited with designing hundreds of buildings throughout Windsor and Essex County during the early to mid-20th century.

Pennington was responsible for designing buildings such as the Carnegie Library in Essex Center and the additions made to the Essex High School in the 1920s. This building is a great example of his work throughout Windsor and Essex County which was largely reflective of early to mid-twentieth century commercial and public buildings.

Contextual

The property has contextual value because it is a landmark

44 King Street East retains contextual value because it serves as a landmark. It is a well-known marker within the community due to its longstanding history and connection to the community of Harrow. It also serves as a waypoint within Harrow, as it is occupied by the OPP headquarters of the Town of Essex.

Description of Heritage Attributes

The key heritage attributes that contribute to the historical/associative value that has direct associations with the incorporation of the Town of Harrow in 1930 includes:

- The location of the building on the north side of King Street East.

The key heritage attributes that contribute to the historical/associative value that demonstrates or reflects the ideas of an architect who is significant to a community include:

- The mass, form, and style of building,
- The brick cladding on all elevations of the building,
- Decorative white stone cladding,
- Decorative stone reading "Harrow Municipal Building",
- All existing window and door openings and stone sills.

The key heritage attributes that contribute to the contextual value of 44 King Street East as a landmark includes:

- The location of the building on the north side of King Street East in the commercial district of Harrow.