

The Corporation of the Town of Essex

By-Law Number 2378

Being a By-Law to designate the Former Robert Heaton Building located at 21 King Street East in Harrow, more particularly described as RCP 1645 LOTS 59 & 60, 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 Robert Heaton Building located at 21 King Street East, Harrow, more particularly described as RCP 1645 LOTS 59 & 60, as being of cultural heritage value and interest;

AND WHEREAS Notice of Intention to Designate the former Robert Heaton 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 Robert Heaton Building located at 21 King Street East, Harrow, more particularly described as RCP 1645 LOTS 59 & 60, 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 October 21, 2024.

Mayor

Clerk

SCHEDULE 'A' TO BY-LAW 2375
Former Robert Heaton Building
21 King Street East, Essex, Ontario

Legal Description

RCP 1645 LOTS 59 & 60

SCHEDULE 'B' TO BY-LAW 2378

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

Former Robert Heaton Building

General Description of Property

98 Talbot Street South is located on the western side of Talbot Street within Essex Centre. It is comprised of the former Essex United Church manse: a red brick house that was built in 1886 in the Folk Victorian architectural style.

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 encompasses the entirety of the Essex United Church Manse.

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.

98 Talbot Street South retains significant design or physical value because it is a representative example of a home built in the Folk Victorian architectural style and uses materials sourced from local brick yards. The house was built in 1886 and was conveyed to the Grace Methodist Church Congregation, now known as the Essex United Church Congregation, on September 27, 1886.

The Folk Victorian architectural style is characterized by its mass, form, and shape of the house, the peaked roof line, and the shape of the windows. These features can be seen throughout the building at 98 Talbot Street South.

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.

98 Talbot Street South retains significant historical or associative value because it is directly associated with the Grace Methodist Church, now known as the Essex United Church, and was important to the development of Essex Centre's religious community. 98 Talbot Street South served as the church's manse from 1886 until it was sold to Sylvester Damn in 1943 and housed several ministers, including Rev. James Whiting, Rev. W. S. Pascoe, and Rev. Gorman Glifford. It served as both the home of the church's minister and a community hub for members of the church.

The Essex United Church is connected to one of the earliest Methodist congregations to have formed in Essex Centre and the congregation dates back to the 1870s. The congregation of the church grew rapidly, due to the amalgamation of the community's two Methodist churches and the expansion of the community overall. The manse allowed the minister to live close to the church and served as a place for members of the church to form a community.

Contextual Value

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

98 Talbot Street South retains significant contextual value because it is important in defining, maintaining, and supporting the character of Talbot Street South. Through its architectural style, and the use of red brick throughout the building, it helps define and maintain the character of the neighborhood as it is consistent with buildings at 54 Talbot Street South, the Essex United Church (49 Talbot Street South), 94 Talbot Street South, and 102 Talbot Street South.

Description of Heritage Attributes

The key heritage attributes that contribute to the design/physical value of 94 Talbot Street South includes:

- The mass, form, and style of the house;
- All existing window openings topped with wooden voussoirs,
- All existing door openings and the surrounding door frames,
- The red brick cladding in a common brick bond,
- The inlaid brick cladding creating decorative arches,
- The inlaid white bricks surrounding all windows and doorways,
- The existing roof lines and peaks,
- Decorative corbels and gables on roof,
- The red brick chimney on the roof,
- Carved white brick on the front façade.

The key heritage attributes that contribute to the heritage/associative value of 98 Talbot Street South includes:

- The buildings location on the western side of Talbot Street South.

The key heritage attributes that contribute to the contextual value of 98 Talbot Street South includes:

- The buildings location on the western side of Talbot Street South.