

## The Corporation of the Town of Essex

### By-Law Number 2380

Being a By-Law to designate the Former Station Master's House located at 314 Queen Street in Harrow, more particularly described as PLAN 327 PT LOT 6 PLAN 202 PT LOT 3 RP 12R27455 PARTS 2 AND 4, 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 Station Master's House located at 314 Queen Street, Harrow, more particularly described as PLAN 327 PT LOT 6 PLAN 202 PT LOT 3 RP 12R27455 PARTS 2 AND 4, as being of cultural heritage value and interest;

**AND WHEREAS** Notice of Intention to Designate the former Station Master's 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 former Station Master's House located at 314 Queen Street, Harrow, more particularly described as PLAN 327 PT LOT 6 PLAN 202 PT LOT 3 RP 12R27455 PARTS 2 AND 4, 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.**

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Mayor

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Clerk

**SCHEDULE 'A' TO BY-LAW 2380**

**Former Station M aster's House  
314 Queen Street, Harrow, Ontario**

**Legal Description**

PLAN 327 PT LOT 6 PLAN 202 PT LOT 3 RP 12R27455 PARTS 2 AND 4

## **SCHEDULE 'B' TO BY-LAW 2380**

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

#### **Former Station Master's House**

##### **General Description of Property**

314 Queen Street is located on the eastern side of Queen Street within Harrow. It is comprised of the Station Master's House: a red brick house that was built in 1897 in a hybrid 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 Station Master's House.

##### **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.*

314 Queen Street retains significant design or physical value because it is representative of a late 19th century hybrid Victorian home, and it was built using materials from the surrounding materials. Built in early 1897 by Micheal P. O'Connor, on land that he had purchased from Emma Thrasher in August 1896 for \$130, the home served as the station master's house until 1920, when O'Connor sold the property to Frederick H. White for \$3,000.

The hybrid Victorian architectural style is characterized by the mass, form and shape of the building, the window openings, the porch style, the roof line and peak, and the brick cladding. These features are seen throughout the house at 314 Queen Street.

###### ***Contextual Value***

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

314 Queen Street has significant contextual value because it is important in defining and maintaining the character of the area that was formerly the Lake Erie, Essex, & Detroit River Railway (L. E. E. & D. R. R.). Built in 1897 by Harrow Station Master, Micheal P. O'Connor, this building served as the home of one of Harrow's earliest station masters and allowed him access to the railway, which was located beside his home. O'Connor was the 2nd station master in Harrow, arriving in Harrow in 1891 and working within the Harrow Station that opened in 1888.

314 Queen Street was built as a result of the L. E. E. & D. R. R. The L. E. E. & D. R. was a rail line that connected the communities of Walkerville, Harrow, and Kingsville through Marshfield (Gilgal). It was built in the late 19th century by Hiram Walker and changed the landscape of Essex County by bringing opportunities to small communities through the county (such as Marshfield, New Canaan McGregor/Colchester Crossing, and Oxley). It spurred on the development of small settlements and encouraged tourism throughout Essex County.

314 Queen Street is the last remaining connection to the L. E. E. & D. R. R within Harrow, as the train station and all railway tracks have been demolished and removed. It helps showcase the former L. E. E. & D. R. R. and helps conceptualize the appearance of the community around the railway.

## **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 brick voussoirs,
- All existing door openings and the surrounding door frames,
- The red brick cladding in a common brick bond,
- The existing roof lines and peaks,
- The existing porches on the front facade and eastern side of the house,
- The decorative corbels and pillars of the porches,
- The fieldstone foundation,
- The brick chimney on the roof,
- The decorative corbels and gables on the roofline.

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

- The buildings' location on the eastern side of Queen Street