



Report to Council

Department: Development Services

Division: Planning

Date: April 7, 2025

Prepared by: Rita Jabbour, RPP, Manager, Planning Services

Report Number: Planning-2025-08

Subject: Heritage Designation for 18 Gordon Avenue (the Carnegie Library Building) and 87 Station Street (the Essex Railway Station)

Number of Pages: 3 including attachments

Recommendation(s)

That Planning Report Planning-2025-08 entitled Heritage Designation for 18 Gordon Avenue (the Carnegie Library Building) and 87 Station Street (the Essex Railway Station) and prepared by Rita Jabbour, RPP, Manager, Planning Services dated April 7, 2025 be received, and

That the following By-Laws, being By-Laws to designate certain properties within the Town of Essex under Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act as properties of cultural heritage value or interest, be read a first, second and third time and finally passed on April 7, 2025:

1. **By-Law Number 2431**, being a By-Law to designate the property municipally known as 87 Station Street, Essex Centre (Essex Railway Station).
2. **By-Law Number 2432**, being a By-Law to designate the property municipally known as 18 Gordon Avenue, Essex Centre (Essex Carnegie Library).

Purpose

A By-Law approved by Council is required to designate a property under Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act as being a property with cultural heritage value or interest.

Background and Discussion

On February 18, 2025, Council directed administration through resolution **R25-02-064** to issue a Notice of Intention to Designate the properties located at 18 Gordon Avenue and 87 Station Street within the Town of Essex, as they were found to be of significant cultural heritage value or interest. A description of the properties and their cultural heritage value or interest is described in Planning report Planning-2025-02 and accompanying presentation **attached to this report**.

Publication of the Notice was completed in accordance with the process set out in subsection 29 (3) of the Ontario Heritage Act. Accordingly, individual notices were served on the Owner of the properties (the Town of Essex) and the Ontario Heritage Trust (OHT). Notice was also published in the Harrow News and Essex Free Press (newspapers having general circulation in the Municipality) and on the Town of Essex website.

No objections to the designation were served on the Clerk because of the Notice.

Next Steps

Following adoption of By-Law 2431 and By-Law 2432, notice will be served on the Owner and the OHT and will be published in the local newspapers. The designation By-Laws may be appealed to the Ontario Land Tribunal (OLT) within thirty (30) days of receiving notice. Pending receipt of no appeals, the By-laws will be registered against title of the property at the Land Registry Office at no cost to the property owner.

Financial Impact

There are costs associated with serving and publishing notice on the Owners and in the local newspapers, and for registering the By-Laws at the land registry office. Costs have been considered in the 2025 budget and will be recouped through the Heritage Committee Operating Budget.

Consultations

Joseph A. Malandrucolo, Director, Legal and Legislative Services

Essex Municipal Heritage Committee (EMHC)

Link to Strategic Priorities

- Embrace asset management best practices to build, maintain, and continuously improve our municipally owned infrastructure.
- Leverage our Town's competitive advantages to promote jobs and economic investment.
- Take care of our natural environment and strengthen the sense of belonging to everyone who makes Essex "home".
- Deliver friendly customer service in an efficient, effective, and transparent manner while providing an exceptional working environment for our employees.
- Build corporate-level and community-level climate resilience through community engagement and partnership and corporate objectives.

Report Approval Details

Document Title:	Heritage Designation for Essex Train Station and Carnegie Library - Planning-2025-08.docx
Attachments:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Notice of Intention to Designate 18 Gordon Avenue and 87 Station Street - Planning-2025-02.pdf- Heritage Designation Recommendations February 18 2025.pdf- By-Law Number 2431 (87 Station Street).pdf- By-Law Number 2432 (18 Gordon Avenue).pdf
Final Approval Date:	Apr 1, 2025

This report and all of its attachments were approved and signed as outlined below:



Lori Chadwick, Director, Development Services - Apr 1, 2025 - 9:09 AM



Doug Sweet, Chief Administrative Officer - Apr 1, 2025 - 9:31 AM