

Special Council Meeting

Heritage Designation Process

Monday April 29, 2024



Purpose of Meeting

To inform Council of the Heritage Designation Process and the benefits of Heritage Conservation to the Town of Essex



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Another Landmark To Disappear ...

At a meeting of Enterprize Lodge, IOOF, Essex, held on Thursday evening of last week, the members present ratified the sale of the Lodge owned Municipal Building (Town Hall), to Burstyn Bros, for \$32,500.

The Lodge officers are looking for a suitable place to build a new Temple.

We understand they have until March to vacate or sooner on 90 days notice. When the Oddfellows move then the present building will be wrecked and a new Commercial type building erected on the site. Earl Burstyn advises that they have two or three propective lessees interested, so it will depend on type of business as to the Model and size of building to be built.

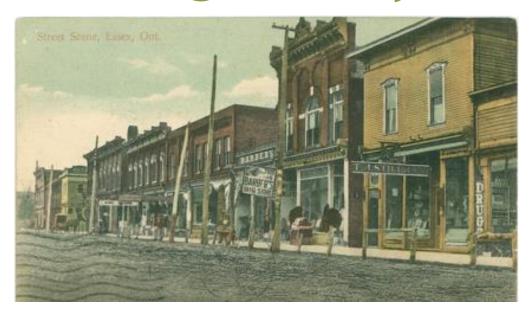
The Town Hall, as the building has been known, was built by the Lodge, in the late 1890's, at request of Essex Town Council, as the Town, at that time, could not afford to finance a Municipal Building. The cost on completing, was slightly less than \$9,000. Many years later the basement was dug and furnished at a cost of about \$5,000.

You can't stop progress, but to most of us older citizens it will seem a shame to tear down such a sturdy structure, with so much of the Town's Lore en-



cased within its walls. The hall brings back memories of School Concerts, Church Concerts, Dances, the annual visits of Guy Brothers and the Sunny South Troupe, both Ministrel shows, who always played to full houses on their 2 night stands; also our own home Talent Ministreis. Yes, it will be a sad day for a lot of us when the building is demolished.







Planning Act

The conservation of features of significant architectural, cultural, historical and archaeological interest is a matter of Provincial Interest (s. 2)

Council and Local Boards <u>must</u> have regard to matters of Provincial Interest when carrying out their responsibilities under the Planning Act (i.e. the approval of Official Plan and Zoning Bylaw Amendments, Consents and Minor Variances)



Provincial Policy Statement (PPS, 2020)

Significant built heritage resources and cultural heritage landscapes must be conserved.

Development and site alteration is **<u>prohibited</u>** on lands containing *archaeological resources* or *areas of archaeological potential* unless the resource has been conserved.



Conservation

The Identification, Protection, Management, and Use of Built and Cultural Heritage Resources and Landscapes and archaeological resources in a manner that ensures the heritage value is retained.



Identification:

Archaeological Resources
Artifacts, archaeological sites including marine.

Identification and evaluation of resources based on archaeological fieldwork

Areas of Archaeological Potential

Areas with the likelihood to contain archaeological resources.

Criteria to identify established by Province. To be confirmed by licensed archaeologist



Identification:

Built Heritage Resources
Buildings, structures, monuments, or installations

Cultural Heritage Landscape

A defined geographic area which may include spaces, views, archaeological sites or natural elements that share a common meaning or association.

Have been identified as having cultural heritage value by a community.















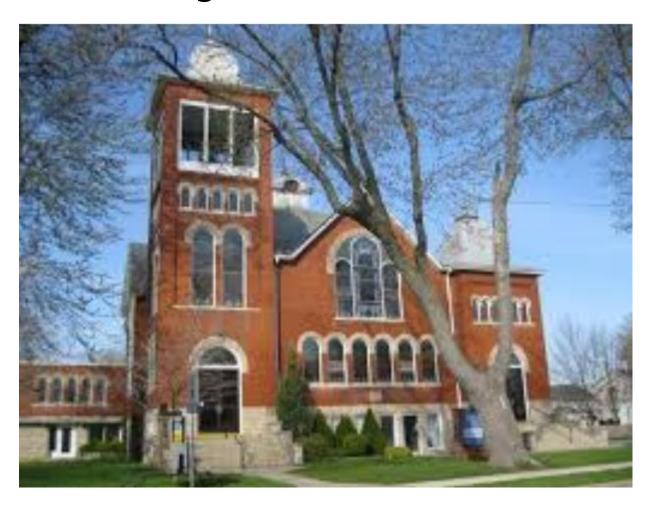














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Protection:

Ontario Heritage Act

- Council may <u>designate</u> an individual property (s. 29) or area as a Heritage Conservation District (s. 41)
- Council may <u>list</u> a non-designated property on the Heritage Register (s. 27)



Designation	Listing
Protects Heritage Resource in Perpetuity	Provides Temporary protection for Resource
Bylaw adoption required following Public Notification Process	Council Resolution Required. No Public Notification Process
Resources cannot be altered unless application for alteration is made and approved (Planning Services)	Resource can be altered
Resource cannot be demolished or removed unless application is made and approved (Council)	Resource cannot be demolished or removed unless 60-day notice is provided to Council

Must meet prescribed criteria to be designated or listed



Protection and Management:

Ontario Regulation 9/06

- A property to be listed must meet min. of one (1) of nine (9) criteria for determining cultural heritage value
- A property to be designated must meet min. two (2) of the nine (9) criteria
- An area to be designated a minimum of 25% of properties must meet min. of two (2) of nine (9)

Criteria related to Design and Physical Value, Historical or Associative Value, Contextual Value



The Wirag House

(1215 Iler Road)

- 1. Has contextual value because it is historically linked to its surroundings (Iler Settlement)
- 2. Has associative value because it has direct associations with a person that is significant to a community (Solomon and Eliza Iler)



Designated under s. 29



Charles Roberts' Home

(138 Albert Street)

- 1. Has design value because it is an early example of an architectural style (Second Empire)
- 2. Has associative value because it has direct associations with a person that is significant to a community (Charles Roberts)

Listed under s. 27





Town of Essex **does not** have a Heritage Conservation District

Areas for future consideration:

- Colchester Heritage District (Schoolhouse, Christ Church, Rectory, Cemetery)
- **Essex Heritage District** (Train Station, Essex House, Adjacent Properties)



Use:

- A Heritage Designation or Listing <u>does not</u> prevent the use of the property, structure or buildings
- Zoning Bylaw dictates the use of the lands or buildings



Use:

Repurposing of heritage buildings must retain the cultural heritage resource







Bill 23, More Homes Built Faster Act

- Properties listed on the Register as of December 31, 2022, must be removed on or before January 1, 2025 if no notice of intention to designate is given
- Property cannot be listed again for five (5) years



Heritage in the Town of Essex





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- Heritage Register Available on Website
- Twelve (12) Designated Properties
- Twenty-two (22) Listed Properties
 - All listed properties must be designated or removed from Register by January 1, 2025







Spring 2024:

- Planning Services will be researching/reviewing listed properties to determine which properties are candidates for designation
- List of candidates to be presented to Heritage Committee for Review and Support
- Report with Recommendation to initiate Notice of Intention to designate to be submitted to Council for decision. Notice served on Owner.



Summer 2024:

- Observation of 30-day objection period for Notice of Intention to Designate
- 2. Council considers any objections to Notice
- 3. Council considers adoption of designation Bylaws
- 4. If adopted, notice is published and served on Owner
- 5. Observation of 30-day appeal period



Fall 2024:

- 1. Notice of Adoption is final if no appeals
- If appeal is served, file to be forwarded to Ontario land Tribunal



Questions



