

# The Corporation of the Town of Grimsby

## By-law 18-03

### A By-law to designate the Old Bank of Hamilton building at 1 Main Street East as a feature of historical, architectural and/or contextual significance

**Whereas** pursuant to Part IV of the *Ontario Heritage Act*, R.S.O. 1990, Chapter O.18, the council of a municipality is authorized to enact by-laws to designate a real property, including all buildings and structures thereon, to be of cultural heritage value or interest;

**And whereas** the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Grimsby has cause to be served on the owners of the lands and premises at:

1 Main Street East  
Grimsby, ON

and upon the Ontario Heritage Trust, notice of intention to designate the **Old Bank of Hamilton** at **1 Main Street East** and a statement of the reasons for the proposed designation and further, has caused said notice of intention to be published in the Grimsby Lincoln News, being a newspaper of general circulation in the municipality;

**And whereas** the reasons for designation and extent to which the designation applies are set out in Schedule "B" attached hereto and form part of this By-law.

**Now therefore** Council enacts as follows:

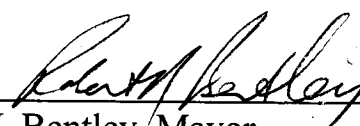
1. that the following real property, more particularly described in Schedule "A" attached hereto and forming part of this By-law is hereby designated as being of cultural heritage value or interest:

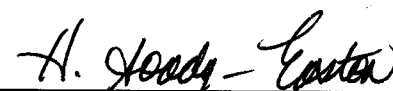
Old Bank of Hamilton  
1 Main Street East  
Town of Grimsby  
The Regional Municipality of Niagara

2. That the Town Solicitor is hereby authorized to cause a copy of this By-law to be registered against the property described in Schedule "A" attached hereto at the Land Registry Office.

Read a first time this 15<sup>th</sup> day of January 2018

Read a second and third time and finally passed this 15<sup>th</sup> day of January 2018

  
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R.N. Bentley, Mayor

  
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H. Soady-Easton, Town Clerk

**Schedule A to By-law 18-03**

In the Town of Grimsby in the Regional Municipality of Niagara, property description as follows:

Old Bank of Hamilton,  
PT LT 323, Corporation Plan 4 as in RO84522; PT 4, 30R-8291;  
GRIMSBY, municipally known as  
1 Main Street East,  
Town of Grimsby,  
Regional Municipality of Niagara

**Schedule B to By-law 18-03****Statement of significance and description of extent of the features to which the designation applies.****Description of Property**

The subject property is located on the north side of Main Street East on the corner of Main Street East and Ontario Street in the Downtown commercial area of Grimsby. The property has the original brick building.

**Statement of Cultural Heritage Value or Interest**

*The Old Bank of Hamilton at 1 Main Street East demonstrates cultural heritage value as it is representative of an early twentieth century downtown commercial building in Ontario. The two story brick building contributes to the downtown Main Street streetscape and the Ontario Street streetscape as the building is located at the corner of the two streets. The building is of red brick construction that has been painted grey. The brickwork is laid in a running stretcher bond. The arced windows have stone sills and brick voussoirs with decorative keystones. The roofline is hipped with dormer windows. The dormers are clad in clapboard siding and have decorative vergeboard and wooden trim that gives the appearance of corbels. A brick chimney runs up the Ontario Street elevation. The building's eaves are supported by decorative wooden brackets.*

*1 Main Street East has historical value for the connections it yields to the larger community of the Town of Grimsby. The current building served as the first bank in Grimsby and is a part of the larger Whittaker Block that historical records indicate spans from 1 Main Street East to 11 Main Street East. This block was named after notable Grimsby Resident Samuel Whittaker. As a banking institute in Grimsby, the building represents a centre of community, commerce and prosperity in the Town and also connected to important figures in the community such as Bank President Donald McInnes, Bank Manager Fred W. Pottenger and Postmaster John Adolphus Nelles.*

*The subject site provides insight into the history of banking and the history of the Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce, entrepreneurial history in Ontario, the importance of Grimsby as both the Village and the Town warranting for a few years two banks (The Bank of Hamilton and The Bank of Commerce), the prosperity of the Fruit Industry in the region and most importantly, the style and character of the Town of Grimsby during the 1920s to the 1950s. The Bank of Hamilton operated out of 1 Main Street East until it merged with The Bank of Commerce, which continued to operate at an alternate location in the Town, highlighting the importance of both the Bank itself and the needs of the population of the Town of Grimsby.*

**Heritage Attributes**

The following architectural attributes have been determined to contribute to the heritage value of the building and constitute part of the *Statement of Cultural Heritage Value or Interest* for 1 Main Street East:

- Red brick construction;
- Running stretcher bond brickwork;
- Brick Chimney;
- Decorative eave brackets;
- Dormer windows;

- Ornate Keystones;
  - Voussoirs;
  - Original window openings on the upper level of the south façade;
- and
- Original window openings on the west façade