



NOTICE OF INTENTION TO DESIGNATE

326 Main Street West

TAKE NOTICE that Grimsby Town Council, on November 6th, 2023 resolved to issue a Notice of Intention to Designate BLK 83, PL 30M-391; GRIMSBY as a property of cultural heritage value or interest under Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act.

The Reason for the Notice of Intention to Designate is to recognize the physical, associative and contextual value that **326 Main Street West** contributes towards the Town of Grimsby's inclusive heritage.

Statement of Cultural Heritage Value or Interest

The structure at 326 Main Street West is a unique, and representative example of the Queen Anne architectural style. 326 Main Street West is a two and half storey brick house built in the Queen Anne style. Some of its key physical attributes include; the gabled dormers, steeply pitched hip roof, square tower, smooth red brick facade, double chimney, and arched wooden doors with glazing and raised panels. Queen Anne architecture was a prominent building style between 1870 and 1910 that became popularized by upper to middle-class families who desired grand and opulent homes for their families. Queen Anne architecture does not typically have one distinct set of criteria, but instead incorporates a little of everything and often in excess. The segmental brick arch lintels above the doors and windows as well as the L-shaped wrap-around porch are both common construction methods seen in Queen Anne architecture.

326 Main Street West is directly associated with the Pettit Family. Andrew Pettit one of the first United Empire Loyalists who settled in Grimsby in 1797. Andrew was a recipient of a Crown land grant, these lands included cons 1 and 2 on lot 15. Andrew settled with his wife Sarah and three young children. Andrew Pettit was the driving force behind the founding of the first Anglican Church in Grimsby. Before the church was constructed, Andrew held masses in his house. In 1792 Andrew started to serve on Council and did so until his death in 1819. When the Town had finally raised enough money to build a stone church they named it after both Saint Andrew as well as Andrew Pettit, this was a testament to the impact Andrew had within the community. The church building is still known as St. Andrew's Anglican Church, and is located along Main Street West.

Andrew Pettit Jr was the third son of Andrew and Sarah (Smith) Pettit, he was born in Grimsby on October 22nd 1790. Andrew was educated in the log school built on his father's land. During the war of 1812 Andrew Pettit Jr. served with the 4th Lincoln Regiment and teamed for the army, Andrew married Mary Young in 1815.

Andrew Hamilton Pettit was born April 12th 1836 to parents Andrew Jr and Anna Muir. Andrew married Sarah Pamela Nixon and lived on the land first granted to Andrew Pettit (Lot 15 Con 1). Andrew Hamilton Pettit was a pioneer in the fruit growing industry, specializing in the growing of apples and peaches, and held a position as Secretary of the Central Farmers Institute of Ontario. Andrew represented the Ontario Government at the World Fair in 1893.

William Hamilton Pettit built the red brick house at 326 Main Street West, he married Mabel Isabel Nelles, the couple also built 83 Main Street West and in their later years, their daughter

Marion stayed home to nurse her parents. After their deaths, Marion continued to nurse several elderly patients in her home before selling. The house was later named “Kilean Lodge”. The Pettit family was one of the first Loyalist families to settle within the Forty, and were quite influential in the development and growth of Grimsby.

The historic dwelling at 326 Main Street West is representative of the age, scale, mass, form and architectural style that was historically found along the historic Main Street West corridor. This heritage dwelling visually illustrates the wealth and prosperity within the Town during the height of the tender fruit industry.

326 Main Street West is physically and visually linked to its surroundings. The large Queen-Anne structure remains largely unchanged on the façade fronting Main Street West. The building maintains its original deep setback from Main Street West, this is an invaluable attribute found on other prosperous tender fruit farming estates within the Town. The structure was built by descendants of the Loyalist Pettit family, on a portion of the original Pettit Crown land grant.

HERITAGE ATTRIBUTES TO BE DESIGNATED

The Heritage Attributes to be designated at 326 Main Street West include:

- Queen Anne Architectural Style Elements
- Two and Half Stories
- Tall Red Brick Chimneys with Decorative Details
- Gabled Dormers
- Steeply Pitched Hip Roof
- Square Tower
- Brick Facade
- Segmental Brick Arch Lintels
- Wooden Balcony Door with Glazing and Raised Panels
- Window and Door Openings
- Arched Wooden Front Door with Glazing and Raised Panels
- L-Shaped Wrap-Around Two Storey Porch with Pairings Of Tuscan Columns
- Brick Porch Column Piers with Decorative Brick Panels

OBJECTIONS

Any objection to this designation must be filed no later than 30 days after the date of publication of the notice of intention in a newspaper. Objections should be directed to Bonnie Nistico-Dunk, Town Clerk, Town Clerk, 160 Livingston Avenue, Grimsby ON, L3M 0J53.

MORE INFORMATION

Any inquiries may be directed to Bianca Verrecchia, Heritage Planner at 905-945-9634 ext. 2122 or by email bverrecchia@grimsby.ca

Last date to file Notice of Objection: December 16th, 2023