

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF GRIMSBY

BY-LAW NO. 23-80

A BY-LAW TO DESIGNATE THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 421 ELIZABETH STREET, 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 municipal council of the Corporation of the Town of Grimsby has cause to be served on the owners of the lands and premises at:

421 Elizabeth Street  
Grimsby, ON

and upon the Ontario Heritage Trust, notice of intention to designate the property at 417 Elizabeth Street and a statement of the reasons for the proposed designation, and further, has caused said notice of intention to be published in a newspaper with 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 the By-law.

Now therefore the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Grimsby 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:

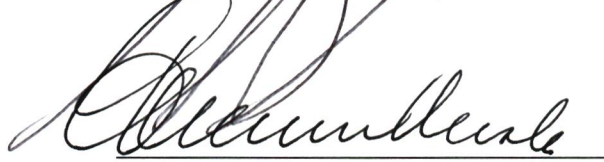
421 Elizabeth Street  
Town of Grimsby  
The Regional Municipality of Niagara

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, considered, and passed this 16th day of October, 2023



J.A. Jordan, Mayor



B. Nistico-Dunk, Acting Town Clerk

Schedule 'A' to By-law 23-80

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

PT LT 413, Corporation Plan 4; PT 2, 30R-665; GRIMSBY

Schedule 'B' to By-law 23-80  
Statement of Significance and Description of Extent of the Features to which the  
Designation Applies

**Statement of Cultural Heritage Value or Interest**

421 Elizabeth Street is house built in the Gothic Revival architectural style. Some key Gothic Revival architectural style attributes include; front facing gable gothic revival architectural style, the brick façade, the symmetrical design, the window and door openings, centered front entrance with sidelights and transom, the bargeboard, the drop finials, the centre post, the front verandah, the front bay window and the second story balcony above the entrance.

The Whittaker family came from Ireland in the 1840s. William was born around 1831 in Ireland, he married Catherine Noonan, and they had 8 children together. William was known for being a very hard worker. His brother Samuel had a few businesses within the Town of Grimsby, Samuel trained as a shoemaker and built his own shop in 1859. Samuel also built the Whittaker block located on Main Street West.

William's son William Fenton Whittaker was born in 1868. In 1910 when William F and his Brother James G inherited their father's farm and farmhouse at 421 Elizabeth Street, James sold and conveyed all of his interest in the farm and land to his brother leaving William F the sole owner of his father's farm. William F sold the farm and farmhouse to Henry .H. Farrell in 1913. Shortly after selling the farm and homestead, William and Mary Anne moved to New York State.

Henry H. Farrell is the son of John Farrell, and grandson of Patrick and Katherine O'Farrell, who came to North America from Ireland. Patrick was a stonemason and found work on railway projects. Patrick worked on many projects within the town including the farmhouse at 421 Elizabeth Street. Patrick also constructed the stone railway underpass on Elizabeth Street in circa 1855, the St Joseph's Catholic Church on Patton Street in circa 1866 and the first Grimsby Town Hall in circa 1875. Henry H. Farrell, owned a prominent basket factory within the Town. Henry H. Farrell and his business was also one of the original group of five that made up the Canadian Wood Products organization. Henry H Farrell's basket factory was an integral part of the Towns successful fruit farming industry.

421 Elizabeth Street was built by Irish stone mason Patrick Farrell. Patrick's work can be found throughout the Town. Demand for Patrick's high quality craftsmanship increased as his families reputation grew within the community.

The farmhouse at 421 Elizabeth Street visually illustrates the former agricultural use of the area during the height of the tender fruit farming industry. The property is representative of the large family owned farms that contributed to the success of Grimsby. Historically the Whittaker family farmed various types of crops as early as the 1840s and well into the 20<sup>th</sup> century.

William built a farm that was sustainable through generations, allowing his sons to inherit a working-farm. 421 Elizabeth Street is the oldest surviving structure in the immediate area, and has significant ties to the Whittaker and Farrell Families.

**HERITAGE ATTRIBUTES TO BE DESIGNATED**

The Heritage Attributes to be designated at 421 Elizabeth Street includes:

- Gothic Revival Architectural Style Exterior
- Brick Façade Constructed in the English Bond Style
- Window and Door Openings
- Centered Front Entrance with Sidelights
- Bargeboard Details along Gables
- Drop Finials under Each Gable

- Front Verandah
- Front Bay Window
- Second Story Balcony above the Entrance