



NOTICE OF INTENTION TO DESIGNATE

382 Main Street West

TAKE NOTICE that Grimsby Town Council, on May 1, 2023 resolved to issue a Notice of Intention to Designate PT LT 17 CON 2, North Grimsby, as in RO423384 ; 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 **382 Main Street West** contributes towards the Town of Grimsby's inclusive heritage.

Statement of Cultural Heritage Value or Interest

The historic dwelling at 382 Main Street West is a representation of the Queen Anne architectural style that was prevalent along historic streetscapes during the mid to late 19th century. The concentration of wealthy architectural styles within Grimsby can largely be attributed to the successful tender fruit farming industry. The historic dwelling stands two and a half storeys tall and has many elements of the Queen Anne architectural style, these elements include the frontispiece, rosette details, bracketed eaves, a bullseye window, brick quoins, bay windows, flat decked roof, the wooden cross, raised sunflower and floral panels with rock face surround bricks, terracotta frieze band, rock face patterned bricks, raised medallion square bricks, raised terracotta panels.

The Queen Anne style dwelling is uniquely crafted with clay brick construction featuring projecting courses with stepped designs. Decorative terra cotta elements located throughout the façade of the structure featuring floral patterns, rock faced stone framing original window openings, rock faced brick framing decorative terra cotta and delineating "water table" course between stories, and a Clay brick chimney with decorative clay brick chimney caps.

The property at 382 Main Street West is part of the land that was owned by one of Grimsby's earliest settlers. John Smith who arrived in Canada in 1787, and was awarded crown lands on Lot 17, Concession 1 and 2 in the Grimsby Township. John Smith was educated and highly respected within the community. He wrote letters and legal papers for settlers within the township. Smith served on the town council from 1792 until 1820, holding titles such as Pound-keeper, assessor, collector and town warden. His family kept an account book of John Smith, and it shows his accomplishments and endeavours from 1796 to 1805, the book was presented to the Grimsby Historical Society. The property was then inherited by John's son, John Wilcox Smith who was born in Grimsby November 6th 1800. Wilcox inherited part of the family farm from his father and lived there with his wife Euphemia, they had nine children - six boys and three girls, the youngest of which George inherited Wilcox's land.

George Smith was born April 28th 1839, he married Sarah Catherine Wilson the daughter of William Wilson. After his father's death in 1876 George inherited his father's land. George built the brick house at 382 Main Street West, He also built another brick house on the corner of Main Street West and Ofield Road (now Casablanca Boulevard). The house on the corner was double the size of the subject structure, the barn had a special elevator used for storing sleighs and carriages, the elevator allowed the use of the storage area underneath to be utilized as well

as on top. The Smith family moved into the bigger brick house during the 1950s, during which the Missionary Sisters of Christian Charity occupied the house at 382 MSW, but after 10 years the Smith Family decided the house was too large for their needs and moved back into the first home. At which time the larger brick house on the corner was sold to the Makepeace family. George Smith lived in Grimsby until he passed in 1911. George Smith was cousins with big time fruit men E.D Smith and Sardis Smith of Winona both E.D. and Sardis were in competition with one another shipping apples overseas wanting to be the most successful within Winona's thriving fruit farming industry.

E.D. Smith was the grandson of Silas and Esther Smith who settled in Winona. E.D Smith turned his inherited tender fruit farm into a successful business known for their pure fruit jams. The jams usually in Canada were shipped in from England, so when E.D. Smith started in the pure fruit jam business it revolutionized the tender fruit farming industry within the region. E.D. Smith products are now available to ship internationally and throughout Canada.

George Smith inherited his Grandfather's already prosperous farm, and the continued use of the property as a farm contributes directly to the prosperity of the Town, and further, the structure he constructed was during the height of the fruit farming industry within the Town of Grimsby showing the wealth and success within the community.

The highly decorated terracotta and brick façade of the home is the best example of the "Beamsville Pressed Brick Co" building materials within the Town. The company was established in 1875 by William Tallman and managed by his son Walter into the 20th century, the Terracotta works was located on the corner of Durham road and Hwy.8. The company had a large selection of terracotta architectural elements for the exteriors of buildings. Other surviving examples of these terracotta architectural elements can be found on 44 Park Road North, Grimsby, and 93 Freelon Road, Hamilton, ON.

Built in 1876 by George Smith, the Queen Anne dwelling has been a notable structure on this portion of Main Street West, still surrounded by the properties historic use as tender fruit farmland. The intact setback, 382 Main Street West is a surviving example of structures built during the height of fruit farming industry.

HERITAGE ATTRIBUTES TO BE DESIGNATED

The Heritage Attributes to be designated at 382 Main Street West include:

- Queen Anne architectural style features
- Exterior clay brick construction paired with lime based mortar.
- Exterior clay brick façade shows high degree of craftsmanship, with projecting stepped brick design throughout the second storey of the structure.
- Rough faced clay brick courses delineating stories, and framing decorative terra cotta elements.
- Quarry faced masonry framing original window openings.
- Quarry faced Lintels and Sills

- Exterior Decorative Terracotta tiles with floral patterns
- Hip Roof
- Two projecting gables with carved-wood barge boards
- Large bay window on the east façade
- Elaborate bracketed cornice supporting a broad overhanging eave
- Finial cross facing Main Street West on south façade
- Two chimneys made with clay brick construction with lime mortar bedding. Decorative clay brick chimney cap.
- Wrap around porch with wooden columns and clay brick supports featuring quarry faced caps, and decorative terra cotta elements.
- Wrap around porch with Queen Anne style attributes
- Rural setting located within a tender fruit farm.
- Proximity to other fruit producing farms on the edge of the Town of Grimsby
- Substantially set back from the road
- Located along historic Main street West Corridor

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: June 10th, 2023