

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF GRIMSBY

BY-LAW NO. 23-52

A BY-LAW TO DESIGNATE THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 54 PARK ROAD NORTH, AS A FEATURE OR 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 caused to be served on the owners of the lands and premises at:

54 Park Road North
Grimsby, ON

and upon the Ontario Heritage Trust, notice of intention to designate the property at 54 Park Road North 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:

54 Park Road North
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 5th day of June, 2023.



J.A. Jordan, Mayor



B. Nistico-Dunk, Town Clerk

Schedule 'A' to By-law 23-52

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

PT LT 2 CON 1 NORTH GRIMSBY; PT RDAL BTN LOTS 2 & 3 CON 1 NORTH GRIMSBY AS IN RO607897 ; GRIMSBY

Schedule 'B' to By-law 23-52
Statement of Significance and Description of Extent of the Features
to Which the Designation Applies

STATEMENT OF CULTURAL HERITAGE VALUE OR INTEREST

This one and a half storey house, with a gable roof that runs the length of the house, was a common building style known as post-war. The style of this building is known as "Victory Homes", which comes from the completion of the World Wars, and the need for functional affordable homes to house Veterans returning to Canada. The simple construction methods, useable attic space and small floorplan made this style of housing popular.

The property has relationships with several important names from the Grimsby community, including James Marlow and the Gadsby family. The Gadsby Shoe Factory is also located on the property and it was a place of innovation and production of shoes for Grimsby and all of Canada during the years of operation. There is also a physical connection between the factory and the small house, a wooden frame addition that extends between the structures. The Victory house is also in close proximity to the original The HG&B's rail line on Park Road. The rail line was a spur line of the primary line between Hamilton & Beamsville. All the fruit the HG&B handled for the Grimsby area, east to Beamsville and beyond was brought on the spur line to the Park Road station. The HG&B line had four daily freight delivery services to handle fruit shipments and any other freight; this ramped up to operate almost continuously in harvest season.

Because of the HG&B's feeder system, Grimsby Park railway station consistently handled the largest volume of fruit shipping of any Niagara Region station. This was a massive, core hub of Niagara fruit handing, packaging & shipping companies. The property also has associations with notable Grimsby families such as the Books, Marlow's, Sculls, and Kidd's. Each of these families took part in the development of the area, and subdivision of the property.

The house was constructed in the 1940's. This one and a half storey house, with a gable roof that runs the length of the house, was a common building style post-war. The style of this building is known as "Victory Homes", which comes from the completion of the World Wars, and the need for functional affordable homes to house Veterans returning to Canada. The simple construction methods, useable attic space and small floorplan made this style of housing popular.

It is important in the relationship between Grimsby beach, Grimsby Town, and the QEW. Park Road, when the factory was built, went all the way to Lake Ontario. Today it is separated by the highway, it also has a relationship with the rail lines adjacent to the property, the railway used to have a stop located a short distance from the parcel and would frequent the factory to ship its goods. The dwelling is also located along what was the main entrance to the Grimsby Midway Park and Chautauqua campground.

HERITAGE ATTRIBUTES TO BE DESIGNATED

The Heritage Attributes to be designated at 54 Park Road North includes:

- concrete foundation
- Steep pitch gabled roof
- Symmetrical architectural features
- Shallow eaves and soffits
- Wooden frame link to factory with bow bay window and gabled dormer
- Unique corner window placement
- Original window and door openings
- Proximity to train tracks and QEW
- Proximity to Gadsby Factory