

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO DESIGNATE

# 332 Main Street West

**TAKE NOTICE** that Grimsby Town Council, on October 16<sup>th</sup>, 2023 resolved to issue a Notice of Intention to Designate PT LT 15 CON 2, North Grimsby (FMLY PCL 20), as in RO724872; PT 1, 30R-12098 ; 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 **332 Main Street West** contributes towards the Town of Grimsby's inclusive heritage.

### Statement of Cultural Heritage Value or Interest

The structure at 332 Main Street West is representative of the Italianate architectural style. Italianate architecture in Ontario gained popularity from the 1850s-1900's. The style followed the same principals of classical architecture, which was utilized in early Canada to bring order, stability, and authority to areas with developing governments.

The structure at 332 Main Street West was constructed in the Italianate style, key identifying features of the structure include: two storey stature, hipped roof, brick chimneys, dentil moldings, heavy cornice, decorative rosette in the front gable peak, window and door openings, tapered window and door headers, full width front porch with upstairs balcony, the exterior clapboard siding, and the setback from Main Street West.

332 Main Street West is associated with the United Empire Loyalist Pettit family. Andrew Pettit and his brother were the first Pettit's to settle in Grimsby. In 1780 Andrew married Sarah Smith and settled on a small farm near the Log Gaol. After the Revolutionary War ended the British Government offered protection and 100 acres of land in Canada for loyal subjects, so in 1787 Andrew and Sarah with their three kids gathered their things and begun the trek with some forty odd families to Canada. On July 2nd 1787 Andrew and Sarah settled on what would become Lot 15, Cons 1 and 2.

Andrew had 10 children with Sarah, and started to buy up land around his initial 100 acres. Andrew was the driving force in establishing a church in Grimsby. Andrew was clerk of the Grimsby township council from 1792 until 1819 when he died. Before Andrew passed he donated 20 pounds to the erection of a new stone church. Unfortunately he wasn't able to see it through but the town decided to name St. Andrews Anglican Church after him.

Andrew Hamilton Pettit was born in 1836 to parents Andrew Jr. and Anna Muir Pettit. Andrew married Sarah Pamela Nixon in 1857 and built the subject structure "Green Trees" around 1860. The house was built on the allotted land originally granted to Andrew Pettit. It's believed that this house was close to the site of Andrew Pettit's log cabin. His son William grew up at "Green Trees". During WWII Green Trees was used as a guest home, and the veranda was enclosed at the east end to hold a shop where antiques and other articles were sold.

332 Main Street West is important in maintaining and supporting the character of the historic Main Street West corridor. The Italianate structure was built at the height of Grimsby's tender

fruit farming boom. It is during this time that the surrounding Italianate and Queen Anne fruit farming estates were constructed along Main Street.

332 Main Street West is physically, functionally, visually and historically linked to its surroundings. Built in the 1860's, the land surrounding the structure was used as livestock farmland that transitioned to fruit farming. Andrew Hamilton was a pioneer in the fruit growing industry, he was a specialist in the development of apples and peach culture. He held in a position with the Dominion Government in respect to fruit, he also represented the Ontario Government at the World's Fair in 1893. This connection to Grimsby's fruit farming industry historically connects the structure to the surrounding property.

## HERITAGE ATTRIBUTES TO BE DESIGNATED

The Heritage Attributes to be designated at 332 Main Street West include:

- Two storey structure
- Hipped roof
- Both brick chimneys
- Dentil moldings
- Heavy cornice with inset-panel soffit
- Decorative rosette in the front gable peak
- Window and door openings
- Tapered window and door headers
- Full width front porch with upstairs balcony
- The exterior clapboard siding
- Setback from Main Street

#### **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: November 25th, 2023