

The Corporation of the Town of Grimsby

By-law No. 23-35

A by-law designate the Property located at 13 Mountain Street, 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;

**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:

13 Mountain Street  
Grimsby, ON

and upon the Ontario Heritage Trust, notice of intention to designate the property at **13 Mountain 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.

**COUCIL ENACTS AS FOLLOWS**

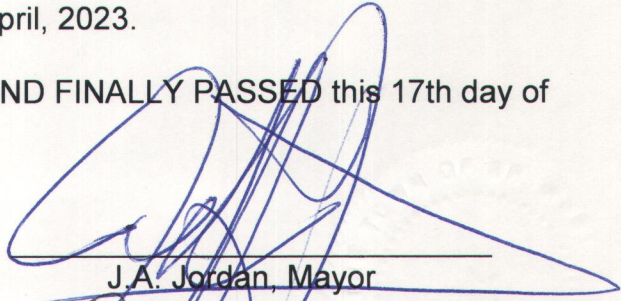
1. That the following real property, more particularly described in schedule "A" attached hereto and forming part of this By-law is hereby designated as being of cultural heritage value or interest:

13 Mountain 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.

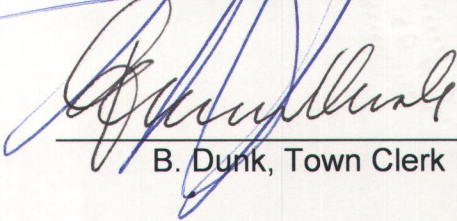
READ A FIRST TIME this 17th day of April, 2023.

READ A SECOND AND THIRD TIME AND FINALLY PASSED this 17th day of April, 2023.



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J.A. Jordan, Mayor



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B. Dunk, Town Clerk

Schedule 'A' to  
By-law 23-35

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

PT LT 170, Corporation Plan 4, as in RO653697; SUBJECT TO A PRIVATE  
EASEMENT OVER PT 2, 30R-8656; GRIMSBY

Schedule 'B' to  
By-law 23-35  
Statement of Significance  
And Description of extent of the features  
To which the designation applies

**STATEMENT OF CULTURAL HERITAGE VALUE OR INTEREST**

The residence and property at 13 Mountain Street is a strong example of Gothic Revival Architecture from the late 1800s. The house was built with red clay bricks, produced locally. The brick building features many high pitched gable roofs with intersecting dormers and rooflines, the center of the roof is flat and has a widows walk with a wooden railing.

The windows and doors have a mixture of arched and flat top window headers, some of the windows still have shutters in situ, and most windows have the shutter hinges still in place. The home has had some early alterations, such as the addition of the sunporch which is enclosed with wooden casement windows, and the expansion of the house to the East. The stucco "half timbering" can be found on the sun porch, front porch gable, and the gables on the upper storeys of the house, all of these additions could have been completed around the turn of the 20<sup>th</sup> century. The house features three imposing brick chimneys that "corbel out" towards the top, these are features which were in style during the mid-1800s. Each of the gables and dormers features a "sunburst" design in the decorative fretwork, this is an early introduction to the heavily decorated exteriors of the slightly later Victorian style.

13 Mountain Street has direct associations with citizens, and organizations that are significant to the community. The house is the original location of the first Grout Foundry and Agricultural works which unfortunately burnt down in 1879. The Grout foundry was specifically well known for the invention of the horse-drawn grape hoe and sulky plough.

A year later in 1880 Dr. Theoron Woolverton built the residence at 13 Mountain Street, as the Woolverton family home where he lived with his wife Olivia Nelles and their two children. Dr. Theoron Woolverton, son of Dr. Jonathan Woolverton, one of the pioneer physicians of the district, who was a brother of one of the most widely known and highly respected fruit men of Canada, Edgar Judson Woolverton. Once the Civil war had broken out, Theoron entered into the service as an assistant surgeon being nominated by The President of the United States, Abraham Lincoln. Once the war had commenced Theoron continued to practice in the United States. In 1868 Theoron was promoted from assistant to Navy surgeon. During his service Theoron did extensive medical work on Yellow Fever on the USS Plymouth. In 1890 Theoron Woolverton was appointed delegate at the American Medical association convention.

The property has the potential to yield information that contributes to an understanding of a community. The house was built by the notable Dr. Theoron Woolverton. The structure has the potential to yield more information about the family, their professional practices and their contributions to the Town of Grimsby.

The property is important in defining, maintaining, or supporting the character of an area. The house is a notable building in the immediate downtown area, the property has many views throughout the downtown. The house can be seen from the public parking area

behind Main Street East and West, Elm Street, and the intersection of Main and Mountain Street. The property has been used as a commercial space for many businesses in the area.

The property is physically, functionally, and historically linked to its surroundings. 13 Mountain Street has become a staple in the landscape when travelling up the Niagara Escarpment. The building is compatible with the surrounding building stock. This downtown area of Grimsby is one of the oldest portions of the town, and retains a considerable amount of the original building stock from the 1800-1900's.

### **HERITAGE ATTRIBUTES TO BE DESIGNATED**

The Heritage Attributes to be designated at 13 Mountain Street include:

- Red Brick Exterior With Lime Mortar
- Stucco And Half Timbering Detail In The Gables
- Wooden Fascia Boards, Porch Columns
- Flat Topped Roof with widows walk railing
- Wooden Front Door With Glazing
- Roofline With Intersecting Gables And Dormers
- Decorative Wooden Fretwork "Sunburst" Detail In The Gables
- Three Brick Chimneys With A Brick Corbelling Detail At The Cap
- Cut Stone Foundation
- Window Openings With Wooden Operable Shutters
- Portico With Gable Roof And Brick Knee Walls Featuring Stone Caps
- Metal Eaves Trough With Decorative Catch Basin Detail
- Cedar Shake Detail In Some Of The Gables
- Setback From Mountain Street
- Iron Shutter Hardware