

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF GRIMSBY

BY-LAW NO. 23-49

A BY-LAW TO DESIGNATE THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 38 ROBERTS RD,
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:

38 Roberts Road
Grimsby, ON

and upon the Ontario Heritage Trust, notice of intention to designate the property at 38 Roberts Road 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:

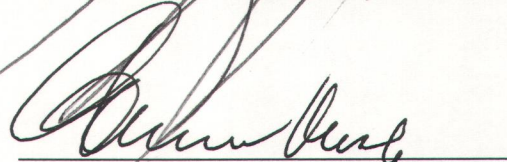
38 Roberts Road
Town of Grimsby
The Regional Municipality of Niagara

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 23-49

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

PT LT 14 CON 2, North Grimsby (FMLY PCL 25), as in RO566208; PT 7, 30R-10341 ; GRIMSBY

Schedule 'B' to By-law 23-49
Statement of Significance and Description of Extent of the Features
to Which the Designation Applies

STATEMENT OF CULTURAL HERITAGE VALUE OR INTEREST

The structure at 38 Roberts Road is a rare, and representative example of a style. 38 Roberts Road is a two storey structural stone construction house built in the Loyalist-Georgian Style. Some of the key physical attributes include; the mixture of local stone for the masonry, gable roof, and window placement. The Georgian style was popular among the United Empire Loyalist (UEL) settlers who wanted to construct homes that incorporated a European influence from the architecture of their native countries.

The wooden lintels above the doors and windows in the earliest portion of the building are another common construction method seen in loyalist architecture. The gable on the South façade of the house would have originally faced the entrance on Main Street West, before Roberts Road became an opened Road. The front facing gable can be found on other local Loyalist architecture.

38 Roberts road is directly associated with the Pettit Family. Andrew Pettit one of the first United Empire Loyalists who settled in Grimsby in 1797. Andrew was a recipient of a Crown land grant and was gifted land in cons 1 and 2 on lot 14. Andrew settled with his wife Sarah and three young children. Andrew Pettit was the driving force behind the founding of the first Anglican Church in Grimsby, first holding sessions in his house and then in the log frame building when it was built. In 1792 Andrew started to serve on council and did so until his death in 1819. When the town had finally raised enough money to build a stone church they named it after Andrew this was a testament to the impact he had within the community. The church building is still known as St. Andrews Anglican Church, and is located along Main Street West.

In 1806 following the marriage to his Wife Catherine, Andrews's oldest son Jonathan Pettit was given a parcel of land that was located adjacent to his father's land. Jonathan was active in the war of 1812 and was later appointed a Lieutenant, Jonathan was stationed at Niagara, and also fought in the battle of Lundy's Lane, as well as the Engagement at the Forty. Jonathan built the Tenant House to accompany the main house, known as "The Evergreens" at 42 Roberts Road. The main house was built in 1820, and the tenant house was built shortly after, both buildings feature early wooden lintels. The Tenant house was in the Pettit family until 1921, when there were no longer any men in the family to inherit the farm.

Jonathan's son, Jonathan Robins inherited his father's property and converted the farm use to focus on the raising of livestock, specifically Shorthorn cattle and thoroughbred horses. Jonathan R is credited with improving the Shorthorn cattle breed and was known for his horses. His son Jonathan Ambrose later inherited, and converted the farm to tender fruits and berries instead of livestock, which was becoming a popular economy in Grimsby.

The Pettit family through generations, were incredibly important to the farming, and community of Grimsby. 38 Roberts Road is directly associated with the Pettit Family.

The dwelling at 38 Roberts Road has the potential to yield information about the substantial role farming had within the community. The Pettit farm transitioned from wheat and grain farming, to livestock farming and were recognized for their very specialized farming knowledge that they brought with them from New Jersey. The Pettit's further transitioned to berry farming once they realized the unique climate of Niagara could sustain the specific type of crop, creating a more profitable tender fruit farm. The Pettit's are a very influential family in Grimsby's history, and the tenant house and original property have the potential to yield further insight to these important historical figures.

38 Roberts road maintains a rural atmosphere that strongly represents the former viewscapes of the area, prior to the construction of the surrounding subdivisions. The property is representative of the once large and substantial family owned farms that contributed to the success of Grimsby. Historically the Pettit family owned over 400 acres of land, farming orchards, cattle and tender fruit and berries over a period of 100 years. Farms this large in the area would've had a large impact on the town, providing food and income to the residents.

38 Roberts gives an example of what housing would look like for tenant farmers of prosperous families. To have a surviving example of both the tenant house and the main house in situ provides an important image into the character of Roberts Road and how a well-established family like the Pettit's supported the growth of the town around them.

When Jonathan Pettit built his stone house and Tenant house, it was at the start of the farming economy in Grimsby. The area surrounding "The Tenant house" was all newly cleared agricultural land with few neighbors. Jonathan created a steady income source through farming the land, so much so that he had the Tenant house built to house farmers that lived on the land. Jonathan built a farm that was sustainable through generations, allowing his sons and grandsons to inherit a working-farm.

38 Roberts Road is important in defining the relationship that supporting structures such as "The Tenant house" had with the farming economy in Grimsby. The "Evergreens" family home and the tenant house at 38 Roberts show the link between families and their tenant farmers. The location of each house is important to the visual history of the land. Exemplifying how the tenant and family lived in such close quarters while working the land together, ensuring a long-term contribution to the community and future generations.

HERITAGE ATTRIBUTES TO BE DESIGNATED

The Heritage Attributes to be designated at 38 Roberts Road includes:

- Georgian architecture
- Low pitched gable roof
- Masonry, built of local stone, with a lime mortar
- Wooden window and door lintels
- Window and door openings
- Two bay front façade
- Stone gatepost beside the driveway