

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF GRIMSBY

BY-LAW NO.04-93

A BY-LAW TO DESIGNATE THE BUILDING KNOWN
MUNICIPALLY AS 25 ADELAIDE STREET (CARNEGIE LIBRARY)
AS BEING OF CULTURAL HERITAGE VALUE OR INTEREST

WHEREAS Section 29 of the Ontario Heritage Act, R.S.O. 1990, Chapter O.18, authorizes the Council of a municipality to enact by-laws to designate real property, including buildings and structures thereon, to be of architectural or historical value or interest; and

WHEREAS the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Grimsby has caused to be served on the owners of the lands and premises known municipally as 25 Adelaide Street, and upon the Ontario Heritage Foundation, notice of intention to so designate the aforesaid real property and has caused such notice of intention to be published in a newspaper having general circulation in the municipality; and

WHEREAS no Notice of Objection to the proposed designation has been served on the Town Clerk of the municipality; and

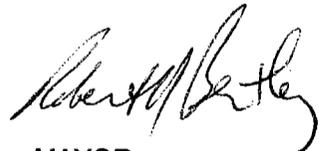
WHEREAS the reasons for designation are set out in Schedule 'B' hereto; and

THEREFORE THE COUNCIL OF THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF GRIMSBY ENACTS AS FOLLOWS:

1. There is designated as being of cultural heritage value or interest the real property more particularly described in Schedule 'A' attached hereto and only including the exterior features of the building thereon known municipally as 25 Adelaide Street.
2. The Town Clerk is hereby authorized to cause a copy of this by-law to be registered against the property described in Schedule 'A' attached hereto in the proper land registry office.
3. The Town Clerk is hereby authorized to cause a copy of this by-law to be served on the owner of the aforementioned property and on the Ontario Heritage Foundation and to cause notice of the passing of this by-law to be published in a newspaper having general circulation in the municipality.

READ A FIRST TIME this 1st day of November, 2004.

READ A SECOND AND THIRD TIME AND FINALLY PASSED this 1st day of November, 2004.



MAYOR



TOWN CLERK

SCHEDULE "A"

25 ADELAIDE STREET (CARNEGIE LIBRARY)

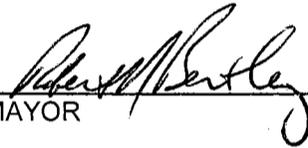
- Firstly:** Lot 1, North Side of Adelaide Street, Township Plan 20, save and except Parts 1 and 2, L.R. 92 (PIN 46023-0088(LT))
- Secondly:** Lots 5 and 6, West Side of Depot Street, Township Plan 20, save and except Part 1 on Reference Plan 30R-2954 (PIN 46023-0088(LT))

in the Town of Grimsby, in the Regional Municipality of Niagara.

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THE 1ST DAY OF NOVEMBER, 2004.


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SCHEDULE "B"

25 ADELAIDE STREET (CARNEGIE LIBRARY)

The proposed designation is to recognize the Carnegie Library building as the home to Grimsby's Public Library for nearly 100 years. The building was erected in 1912 with the use of a grant from Andrew Carnegie and represents an example of the Beaux-Arts Classicism style of architecture. Carnegie Libraries have been identified as a popular vernacular interpretation of this style of architecture.

Many of its original elements are still present on the building including the following:

- o Single smooth shafted Roman Doric columns framing the main entrance.
- o Ornamental molding on the pediment
- o Slate shingles on the roof.
- o Plain cornices under the roof and pediment adorned with modillion blocks with smaller dentil blocks in between.
- o Plain bonded brick walls with ornamental concrete quoining at the corners.
- o Foundation walls made of rock-faced stones with protruding mortar joints having a semicircular profile.
- o Windows with three vertical panes divided by pilastered mullions.
- o Semicircular arches with a simple 3-pane sunburst over the windows and doors.
- o Paneled bases under the windows.
- o Brick arches surrounding the windows highlighted by a concrete key and bases.

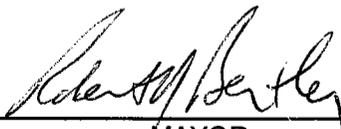
Andrew Carnegie, a Scottish born American, came from humble beginnings to become one of the wealthiest people in the world. His philanthropy was legendary. His benefactions extended to a number of areas including libraries. In 1902 the municipal council discussed the possibilities of applying to Andrew Carnegie for a grant to build a Public Library. There was no response for a few years. Mr. Jas Aitchison lobbied Andrew Carnegie for years by apparently sending postcards of Grimsby scenes regularly. His efforts paid off. Mr. Carnegie agreed to provide a grant of \$8,000 to Grimsby subject to the community maintaining a Free Public Library at a cost of at least \$800 per year and the provision of a suitable site for the building. The Village of Grimsby and the Township of North Grimsby agreed to these conditions. In 1911 the construction of a new library began on the lot occupied by the Town Hall on the corner of Adelaide and Depot (Ontario) Streets. In the 1940's the lower level of the library was renovated into a bright attractive boys and girls room. In 1955 the Dominion Bureau of Statistics noted that the Grimsby Public Library had the largest circulation (3,200) in Canada for a town of that size. The library housed the Grimsby Band, Boy Scouts, and Girl Guides and allowed the Fire Department to hold its Annual Carnival on its front lawn.

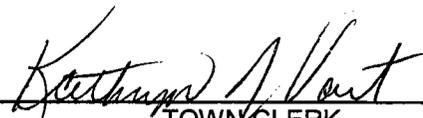
Art exhibits were held in the library in 1972 and, shortly thereafter, an architect was appointed to design an addition to the building. In 1975 the enlarged building was opened housing the Grimsby Public Library and Art Gallery. The Town acquired the property to the west of the Carnegie Building and in 2003 a new library/art gallery was built there. The 1975 addition was then removed.

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