

The Corporation of the Town of Grimsby

By-law No. 14-28

A By-law to designate Bell Park at Fair Avenue as a feature of 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 cause to be served on the owners of the lands and premises at:

Bell Park
Grimsby, ON

and upon the Ontario Heritage Trust, notice of intention to designate the **Bell Park** at **Fair Avenue** and a statement of the reasons for the proposed designation, and further, has caused said notice of intention to be published in the Grimsby Lincoln News, being a newspaper of general circulation in the municipality;

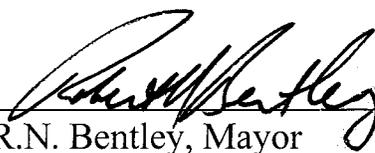
And whereas the reasons for designation and extent to which the designation applies are set out in Schedule "B" attached hereto and form part of this By-law.

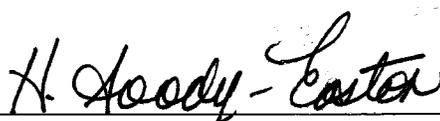
Now be it resolved that the Council of the Town of Grimsby enacts as follows:

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:
Bell Park
At Fair Avenue
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 7th day of April 2014.

Read a second and third time and finally passed this 7th day of April 2014.


R.N. Bentley, Mayor


H. Soady-Easton, Town Clerk

Schedule 'A' to By-law 14-28

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

Bell Park,
BELL PARK, Township Plan 45A; GRIMSBY, municipally known as
Bell Park,
Town of Grimsby,
Regional Municipality of Niagara

Schedule 'B' to By-law 14-28
Statement of Significance
And Description of extent of the features
To which the designation applies

Description of Property

The subject property is located on the north side of Fair Avenue and is bound by 3rd Street to the east, Temple Lane to the north and residential development to the west. The park accommodates a bell and its platform as well as a decorative fountain planter.

Statement of Cultural Heritage Value or Interest

Bell Park holds heritage value for its contribution to the landscape which is surrounded by Victorian cottages. The particular architectural style that characterizes the cottages of Grimsby Beach is unique to North American Chautauquas and Bell Park in its original heart-shaped form, with the inner gardens, moat, and small bridges would have contributed to the character of area which was home to the Methodist Temperance meetings from 1859 to roughly 1900. The park today serves as a contributing reminder of the Chautauqua landscape of Grimsby Beach.

The Bell itself and the corresponding platform are a monument, and as many photographs from the Grimsby Chautauqua era show, a destination within the campgrounds themselves for campers and day visitors alike. The Bell in Bell Park has its own history and unique character, and its positioning and accessibility have made it a heritage element within the park.

Heritage Attributes

The following architectural attributes have been determined to contribute to the heritage value of the building and constitute part of the *Statement of Cultural Heritage Value or Interest* for Bell Park:

- The Bell and its platform;
- Decorative fountain planter;
- The treed perimeter; and
- The treeline and vistas surrounding Bell Park.