

# The Corporation of the Town of Grimsby

## By-Law No. 15-78

**A By-law to amend By-law No. 87-141, which designated the Stone Shop, 271 Main Street West 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** 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 clarify or correct the statement explaining the property's cultural heritage value or interest or the description of the property's heritage attributes;

**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 at:

271 Main Street West  
Grimsby, ON

notice of intention to amend By-Law 87-141 in accordance with the *Ontario Heritage Act*, R.S.O. 1990, Chapter O.18;

**And whereas** the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Grimsby deems it expedient to amend Schedule B to By-law No.87-141;

**Now therefore** the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Grimsby enacts as follows:

1. That Schedule B to By-law 87-141 is hereby amended to replace the existing statement explaining the property's cultural heritage value or interest and the description of the property's heritage attributes;

One of the oldest buildings in Grimsby, the Stone Shop or Allan Nixon Jr. U.E.L. Blacksmith Shop was built circa 1800. During the War of 1812, in which Nixon served as a Lieutenant, the Canadian Militia, British and American Forces used the blacksmith shop to repair their equipment and have their horses shod. Mr. Nixon served on the Grimsby Township Council in 1793 as an Assessor.

Nixon and his wife died of Typhus Fever in 1813 but the Stone Shop remained in the family for more than a hundred years. During that time it was used as a buggy repair shop and early automobile repair shop and storage shed before being purchased at the request of the Grimsby Historical Society in 1964 by the Town to become Grimsby's first Museum. The Museum was run exclusively by volunteers of the Grimsby Historical Society and for twenty years served as an important community hub to learn about the history and heritage of Grimsby before the Museum was relocated to a larger building. Most recently the building was used by local artist, Rick Manners, as a workshop and gallery.

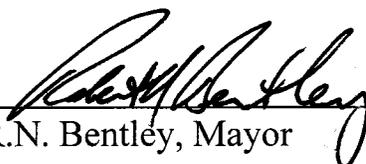
Built for use as a repair shop in an unconventional style, the rectangular shaped Stone Shop is characterized by its medium pitched end gable roof, two end chimneys and a plain frieze board. The walls and base are built of coursed rubble stone on the front façade with uncoursed rubble on the sides and rear of the building. Visibly located along old Highway 8 at the base of the Niagara Escarpment, the Stone Shop is an important reminder of Grimsby's role in the history of Upper Canada.

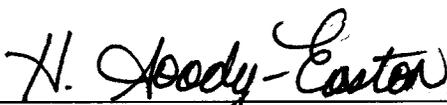
The following architectural attributes have been determined to contribute to the heritage value of the building and constitute part of the Statement of Cultural Heritage Value or Interest for 271 Main Street West:

- Coursed and uncoursed rubble stone with mortar;
  - Original window and door openings;
  - Rubble stone voussoirs;
  - Rubble stone lintels;
  - End gable roof;
  - Symmetrical chimneys; and
  - Plain frieze board.
2. That all other sections of By-Law 87-141 shall be deemed to remain in force.

Read a first time this 5<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2015.

Read a second and third time and finally passed this 5<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2015.

  
R.N. Bentley, Mayor

  
H. Soady-Easton, Town Clerk