



## NOTICE OF INTENTION TO DESIGNATE

### 38 Roberts Road

**TAKE NOTICE** that Grimsby Town Council, on April 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2023 resolved to issue a Notice of Intention to Designate PT LT 14 CON 2, North Grimsby (FMLY PCL 25), as in RO566208; PT 7, 30R-10341 ; GRIMSBY as a property of cultural heritage value or interest under Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act.

**The Reason** for the Notice of Intention to Designate is to recognize the physical, associative and contextual value that **38 Roberts Road** contributes towards the Town of Grimsby's inclusive heritage.

#### **Statement of Cultural Heritage Value or Interest**

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 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.

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.

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.

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 orchards, 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 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 200 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.

38 Roberts Road is physically and visually linked to its surroundings. 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.

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

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

- 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
- Mixed stone cladding with interspersed Grimsby sandstone
- Stone gatepost beside the driveway

### **OBJECTIONS**

Any objection to this designation must be filed no later than 30 days after the date of publication of the notice of intention in a newspaper. Objections should be directed to Bonnie Nistico-Dunk, Town Clerk, Town Clerk, 160 Livingston Avenue, Grimsby ON, L3M 0J53.

### **MORE INFORMATION**

Any inquiries may be directed to Bianca Verrecchia, Heritage Planner at 905-945-9634 ext. 2122 or by email [bverrecchia@grimsby.ca](mailto:bverrecchia@grimsby.ca)

**Last date to file Notice of Objection: May 13th, 2023**