



## NOTICE OF INTENTION TO DESIGNATE

### 42 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 24), as in RO723459; BLK 52, PL 30M-315 ; 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 **42 Roberts Road** contributes towards the Town of Grimsby's inclusive heritage.

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

42 Roberts Road is a two storey structural stone construction house built in the Loyalist-Georgian Style. The house is built on the foundation of an earlier log cabin

Some of the key physical attributes include; the mixture of local stone for the masonry, gable roof, full width porch, two brick chimneys, wooden porch columns with quatrefoil brackets, front door surround, side lights and half columns. 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 quatrefoil brackets are an unusual feature and are a detail not commonly found within Grimsby. The design can be attributed to medieval influences in Gothic designs.

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 wooden lintel was phased out and replaced by the use of solid stone, or stone voussoir arches. The later additions on the house utilize some of these building practices. The multiple additions on the house are important in tell the story of how the building has evolved for the occupants over time. The house has had many alterations over the years which can be seen by the in-fill of some window and doors, and the addition of a shed dormer on the West façade.

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 to a Lieutenant position, Jonathan was stationed in Niagara, he also fought in the battle of Lundy's Lane, as well as the Engagement at the Forty. In 1820 Jonathan built the stone house which he named "The Evergreens". The house and farm stayed within the family until 1921.

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.

42 Roberts road maintains a deep setback and rural atmosphere that strongly represents the former viewscape 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.

42 Roberts is physically and visually linked to its surroundings. When Jonathan Pettit built his stone house it was at the beginning of the farming economy in Grimsby. The area surrounding “The Evergreens” was all newly cleared agricultural land with few neighbors. Jonathan created a steady income source through farming the land, so much so he had tenant farmers that lived on the same lot (38

Roberts). He built a farm that was sustainable through generations, allowing his sons and grandsons to inherit a working-farm. 42 Roberts Road is the oldest surviving structure in the immediate area, and has significant ties to the Pettit’s and their surrounding estates. Historically the surrounding large parcels were also owned by members and descendants of the Pettit family.

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

The Heritage Attributes to be designated at 42 Roberts Road include:

- Georgian architecture
- Low pitched gable roof
- Full width porch
- Porch columns and quatrefoil brackets
- Two brick chimneys
- Masonry, built of local stone, with a lime mortar
- Wooden window and door lintels
- Window and door openings
- Front door surround
- Symmetrical front façade
- Long landscaped driveway from Roberts Road
- Views from Evergreens Drive
- Grouping of trees between the heritage resource and Evergreens Drive
- Intentional planting of evergreen trees surrounding the property

### **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**