



## NOTICE OF INTENTION TO DESIGNATE

### 482 Main Street West

**TAKE NOTICE** that Grimsby Town Council, on Aug 8<sup>th</sup>, 2023 resolved to issue a Notice of Intention to Designate PT LT 20 CON 1, North Grimsby, as in RO716057; PT PT1, 30R-602 ; 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 **482 Main Street West** contributes towards the Town of Grimsby's inclusive heritage.

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

The structure at 482 Main Street West is a rare, unique, and representative example of the Ontario Regency Cottage style. 482 Main Street West is a one and a half storey house built with structural brick exterior walls, laid in a Flemish Bond pattern. Some key physical attributes include: the hipped roof with a front facing gable, gabled dormers facing the east and west facades, hand-thrown red brick façade, the symmetrical fenestration and openings, the semi elliptical window, two pairs of slim French doors, the front entrance, the slim sidelights and transom, the verandah with slim columns and gingerbread detailing, and the setback from main street.

The structure at 482 Main Street West displays a high degree of craftsmanship. The regency cottage at 482 Main Street West was built from bricks thrown by hand, with red clay that was most likely found in the surrounding area. The home would have been custom designed at the time of construction, features such as the dramatic approach with a circular driveway, groupings of French doors and the overall Regency influences signify the wealth that the original owners were intending to portray to passers-by.

482 Main Street West has direct associations with important figures in Grimsby's past. The property was originally granted to Levi Lewis (Sr.), he came in Canada in 1787 among the other United Empire Loyalists, Levi (Sr.) brought with him, one woman, 3 sons, 2 horses, and 4 cows. Levi Sr. settled on lot 20 cons 1 & 2 in Grimsby, Both Levi Sr. and his son Levi Jr. served on the first municipal Council of Upper Canada on April 5<sup>th</sup> 1790, Levi Jr. went on to be elected to the Legislative Assembly of Upper Canada. Levi Sr. died in Grimsby in 1799, Annals of the forty reports him as being buried in the first burying ground at the forty located near Lake Ontario. Levi Jr.'s son built one of the finest and oldest homes in the Winona district located at 265 Lewis road in Hamilton.

The property is also associated with the Smith family, a very notable and important family within the Niagara Region. John Smith arrived in Canada along with other loyalist families in 1787. The ticketed location that John Smith received was Lot 17, Concessions I and II in Grimsby town-ship. John Smith was married to Hannah, daughter of Benjamin and Elsey (Lanning) Wilcox. John was a respected citizen within the town-ship of Grimsby and with his well-educated background took it upon himself to help other settlers in the community by writing letters and

legal papers. From 1792 to 1800 John Smith's name is visible on the Grimsby town-ship council serving such roles as Pound-keeper, Assessor, Collector, and Town Warden.

Isaac Smith is the oldest son of John Smith, born in New Jersey in 1779, he married Elizabeth the daughter of Andrew & Sarah Pettit in 1804. Isaac and Elizabeth settled on lot 20 concession 1 & 2, they lived in a log cabin and had 10 children before Elizabeth died in 1832. Isaac remarried in 1834 to Elizabeth, the widow of John Foster. Isaac passed in 1840. His son Isaac (Jr.) born in 1823, married Mary Anne daughter of John W. Smith in 1846 and built the brick house at 482 Main Street West when he inherited his father's farm.

Charles Albert Smith, a son of Isaac Smith (Jr.) inherited his father's working farm, he married Emma Dora Book, and they had a daughter together. Charles's grandmother was Elizabeth Pettit, daughter of Andrew and Sarah Pettit, he became a very well-known local fruit grower within the township.

Both the Lewis and Smith families have left lasting legacies within the Niagara Region. The Lewis family has notable structures within the Winona area, and the Smith family has ties to E.D. Smith and Sardis Smith both who have left lasting legacies within the tender fruit farming industry.

482 Main Street West is visually and historically linked to its surroundings. The small brick structure with its deep setback has largely remained unchanged since its construction in the mid-1800s. Despite the change in context surrounding the structure, the dwelling retains the long and dramatic approach. This quality is commonly seen on wealthy homes built on expansive properties in the early 1800's, and was most likely the intentions of Isaac Smith when the house was built.

The large property displays what an original lot size in the Town of Grimsby would have been like. The surrounding land has been parcels off over time, but still retains a fairly wooded character.

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

The Heritage Attributes to be designated at 482 Main Street West include:

- 1 ½ storeys
- Regency architectural style
- Semi elliptical window
- Hipped roof with front facing gable, dormers facing the east and west facades
- Hand-thrown red brick façade, laid in a Flemish bond pattern
- Cornice with a dentil molding detail below the soffit
- Wide verandah with gingerbread detailing and slim columns (Reproduced)
- Two pairs of slim French doors on the front facade
- Centered front entrance with wooden sidelights and transom, front door
- Wooden shutters
- Widows walk
- Circular driveway
- Setback from main street

## **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: September 16<sup>th</sup>, 2023**