



## NOTICE OF INTENTION TO DESIGNATE

### 152 Main Street West

**TAKE NOTICE** that Grimsby Town Council, on January 15<sup>th</sup>, 2024, resolved to issue a Notice of Intention to Designate PT LT 39, Corporation Plan 4; 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 **152 Main Street West** contributes towards the Town of Grimsby's inclusive heritage.

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

152 Main Street West was built in 1855 in the Neo-classical architectural style. The structure is two storeys tall with a gable style roof that runs east to west, with a front protruding gable covering a two-storey porch. The structure has three bays with a centrally located entrance, dentil molding detailing along the eaves of the porch, and simple classical columns.

The structure at the time of construction most likely did not have the current porches and bay window in place. To be in keeping with the Neo-classical & Georgian style, the front façade would have likely been flat and symmetrical, with a central doorway and surround. The dentil moldings, porch railings and columns and bay window are more in keeping with a later Victorian update on the façade.

The building retains a significant amount of original material from the original 1855 building, and the later Victorian additions including the two over two wooden sash Victorian windows. The evolution, prosperity and needs of the church are represented by these changes. The updates made to the house including the porch, bay window and window configuration are representative of the popular styles at the time.

The property lines fronting onto Main Street West and St. Andrews Avenue feature a Grimsby sandstone retaining wall. Originally the stone retaining wall surrounded the whole church property, but the portion in front of 154 Main Street West/ St. Andrews Church was replaced by the present iron fence in 1906. The stones that were removed from the wall were used to build the foundation of the Edwardian Rectory on the parcel at 154 Main Street West. It is likely that the stone wall remaining around the subject dwelling is original from the church's construction in 1818. The grading and setback from the sidewalk have changed over the last two centuries, but the wall has remained in situ, and continues to be a character defining element of the property. The character defining stone wall predates the 1855 Rectory.

The historic dwelling was built as supportive housing for St. Andrews Church in 1855. St. Andrews is one of the oldest Anglican churches in Canada. The Rectory structure was built to house the Reverend, as the previous rector did not need housing. Reverend F. J. Lundy was in the reverend for St Andrews when the dwelling was constructed. Rev. F. J. Lundy was a graduate of Oxford University, England, with the degree of D.C.L., a highly educated scholar and an able preacher.

The property at 152 Main Street West has direct associations with Andrew Pettit, the Anglican Religion, Col. Robert Nelles, and various notable United Empire Loyalist families that shaped

the church and the community around it. St. Andrews Anglican Church started out as a small gathering of United Empire Loyalist families that settled in Grimsby from New Jersey, services were held by Andrew Pettit in as early as 1787 and were held in various homes within the area. Nathaniel Pettit was a devout follower of the Church of England faith and read church services, lessons, and sermons. In 1794 there are records that a log church was built in 1794 near the present standing church, at 154 Main Street West. By 1800 there were plans for a second church, a frame building on the present site. Robert Nelles gave 2 acres of land for the erection of the frame church and a graveyard in December 1800.

The property at 152 Main Street West has the potential to yield information that contributes to an understanding of Grimsby's Anglican community. The Neo-Classical structure was built as the Rectory to house the Reverend at the time and is located on a very early and significant corridor within Grimsby. The property has adapted to the needs of the community over the years, these changes can be represented by the early stone wall surrounding the property, the Neo-classical home, and the later Victorian updates that were made to the façade of the structure.

152 Main Street West is important in maintaining and supporting the streetscape of the historic Main Street West corridor.

With St. Andrews Church, the new rectory (built 1906), The White House (155 Main Street West) and 152 Main Street West all within one area, the buildings present a significant and cohesive collection of heritage resources. The resources tell the story of early settlement within Grimsby, and visually illustrate how this significant and early portion of the Village developed. These buildings were built to be striking and imposing within the landscape and would have been easily recognizable to the public travelling down Main Street West and attending St. Andrews Church. Main Street West is a former Indigenous People's travel route, that connected Queenston-Dundas-York, and was at one time the only passable road available below the escarpment.

Over St. Andrew's 200-year existence the needs of the church grew, more parishioners arrived, rectors changed and the church-built structures to accommodate the Anglican community. The Neo-Classical Rectory at 152 Main Street West, the early stone wall surrounding the property, and the later Victorian updates that were made to the façade of the structure is part of the historic changes over time and shows how the church evolved. The rector at the time wanted a rectory that was in close proximity to the church, 152 Main Street West was built to serve this purpose. The Prior Reverend George Grout, lived at and owned the "White House" which is standing across the street.

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

The Heritage Attributes to be designated at 152 Main Street West include:

- Neoclassical architectural style elements
- Gable roof style with projecting front gable over the second-floor porch
- Three bay façade
- Centrally located entrance

- Dentil molding detailing along the porch eaves
- Tuscan columns
- Second floor porch railing
- Grimsby sandstone foundation
- Wooden sash windows
- Wooden front door
- Brick chimneys
- Grimsby sandstone stone wall surrounding the property
- Set-back from Main Street West

### **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: February 24<sup>th</sup>, 2024**