

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF GRIMSBY

BY-LAW NO. 25-37

A BY-LAW TO DESIGNATE THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 2A BAKER ROAD
NORTH, 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 the municipal council of the Corporation of the Town of Grimsby has cause to be served on the owners of the lands and premises at:

2a Baker Road North
Grimsby, ON

and upon the Ontario Heritage Trust, notice of intention to designate the property at 2a Baker Road North and a statement of the reasons for the proposed designation, and further, has caused said notice of intention to be published in a newspaper with general circulation in the municipality;

And whereas the reasons for designation and extent to which the designation applies are set out in schedule "B" attached hereto and form part of the By-law.

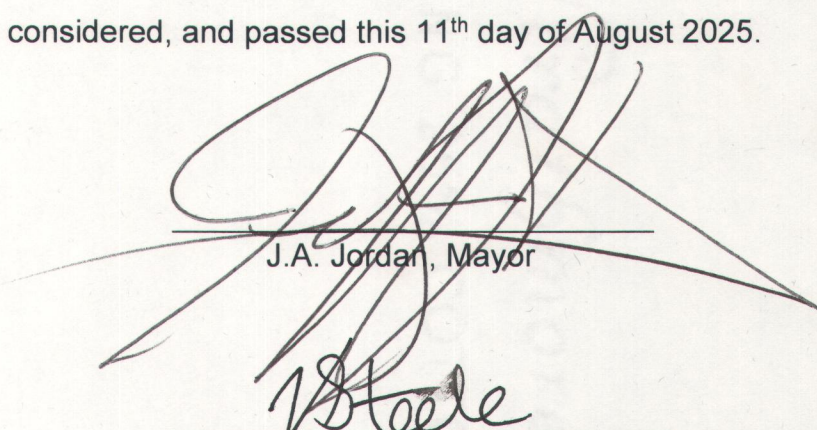
Now therefore the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Grimsby enacts as follows:

1. That the following real property, more particularly described in schedule "A" attached hereto and forming part of this By-law is hereby designated as being of cultural heritage value or interest:

2a Baker Road North
Town of Grimsby
The Regional Municipality of Niagara

2. That the Town solicitor is hereby authorized to cause a copy of this By-law to be registered against the property described in Schedule "A" attached hereto at the Land Registry Office.

Read a first time, considered, and passed this 11th day of August 2025.



J.A. Jordan, Mayor



V. Steele, Town Clerk

Schedule 'A' to By-law 25-37

In the Town of Grimsby in the Regional Municipality of Niagara, property description as follows:

PT LT 10, Township Plan 515, as in RO590872; GRIMSBY

Schedule 'B' to By-law 25-37

Statement of Significance and Description of Extent of the Features to which the Designation Applies

The structure at 2a Baker Road North is a representative example of the Italianate architectural style. Constructed in 1895, the unique features of the home include highly decorative bargeboard details above the dormers, and the use of leaded and stained glass throughout the house. Although many of the Italianate houses along Main Street are highly decorated, most do not feature leaded or stained-glass windows. 2a Baker Road North is the exception, featuring many leaded window panels that would have been created by artisans and displays a high degree of craftsmanship. The use of these materials shows the wealth and status of Henry Baker, who originally built the home.

The position of the home on the former agricultural parcel is unique to the characteristics of the Main Street East corridor, the historic structure features a much larger setback from the Main Street East corridor than the surrounding original farmhouses. This much larger setback is a historic trend often found along the Main Street West corridor, making 2a Baker Road North a rare example of this trend along Main Street East.

The house at 2a Baker Road North was built for Henry Frederick Baker, a fruit farmer, veteran of the Matabele Wars and the First World War, and Grimsby's first Scout leader. As a veteran of Imperial military service in both France and southern Africa, Henry Baker's life is an example of how deeply intertwined Grimsby was with the wider British Empire. As the home of an officer who served with the Chinese Labour Corps, 2a Baker Road North is also a connection to an important and largely unknown part of Chinese Canadian history and of Canada's involvement in the First World War. Henry Baker also acted as Grimsby's first Scout Master in 1910, Grimsby's Scout chapter was among the first in Canada.

The dwelling was also home to Henry's wife, Mary Elisabeth Nelles, a lifelong resident of Grimsby, fruit farmer, and daughter of Cyrus Sumner Nelles. Soon after Henry's departure for military service in Europe in July 1915, his wife Mary began hosting meetings of the Grimsby Hospital Supply Club, open to the public and meeting at the Baker household twice every Thursday to make and fundraise for medical supplies for Indian soldiers fighting in the Dardanelles during the then-ongoing Gallipoli campaign. Mary was at that time the President and a member of the Buying Committee. Mary would subsequently work at hospitals that served the Canadian Expeditionary Force during the war.

2a Baker Road North has the potential to yield information about the development of Main Street East, Baker Road, and Grimsby's agricultural success. The dwelling was built as a farmhouse to support the agricultural operations on the property during the height of the tender fruit farming industry. The scale of the farm operation on the property would have contributed directly to the successful industry that enabled the Town to grow and flourish during the late 19th century.

The house is visually and historically linked to its surroundings and serves as a surviving example of the area's long history as farmland. The dwelling is a strong example of Main Street East's 19th -century residential architecture and the dwellings scale, mass and form supports the areas historic fruit farming landscape.

The Heritage Attributes to be designated at 2a Baker Road North include:

- Hipped roof with widows walk
- Gabled roof with intersecting gable dormers
- Dormers decorated with barge board, intricate woodwork
- Wooden soffits and fascia, supported by brackets
- Arched window and door openings
- Brick exterior
- Wooden windows and doors throughout
- Leaded glass windows
- Stone foundation