



NOTICE OF INTENTION TO DESIGNATE

34 Mountain Street

TAKE NOTICE that Grimsby Town Council, on January 15th, 2024, resolved to issue a Notice of Intention to Designate LT 84 & PT LT 83, Corporation Plan 4; PT 2, 30R-4736; 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 **34 Mountain Street** contributes towards the Town of Grimsby's inclusive heritage.

Statement of Cultural Heritage Value or Interest

The property at 34 Mountain Street has associations with many prominent residents from Grimsby's history. This includes the Pettit family, Richard Allison and William Wilson, the Teeter's, the Gibson's, and the first Mayor of Grimsby Township, Charles T. Farrell.

Nelson Teeter was the great-grandson of Michael Teeter, who left New Jersey in 1794 to settle in Upper Canada. Solomon Teeter, a son of Michael Teeter, wed Charity Book, a member of the Grimsby Book family. Nelson J. was born to their son Conrad [1816–1877] through his first wife, who likely passed away during labor or soon after. When he relocated to Grimsby Village in 1864, at the age of 27, he quickly enrolled in the early Palmer Grout Foundry to begin his machining apprenticeship. Teeter received honors for his assistance in the local militia's defense against the Fenian Raids of 1866. Nelson Teeter constructed the residence at 34 Mountain Street by the 1870's.

Nelson previously worked as a carpenter, later being employed by the nearby Grout Foundry until 1901, when it closed. From 1901 until 1912, he was employed by the Hall-Zyrd Foundry. Teeter then founded Teeter and Nichols, a company that made fruit-picking ladders.

Nelson was elected Reeve in 1897 and served on the Grimsby Village Council from 1889 to 1891 as well as 1897 to 1898. Teeter was one of the oldest Masons in Ontario and an active Master Mason in Grimsby Union Lodge for sixty-three years.

In 1922 Charles T. Farrell resided at 34 Mountain Street during his tenure as the first mayor of the Town of Grimsby. While Charles lived at 34 Mountain Street the property was decorated for parades, elections, and other community events.

In 1862, South Grimsby, North Grimsby, and the Village of Grimsby were all one township. This historic amalgamation was subsequently divided again into three municipalities, and it remained that way through the start of Charles' tenure as mayor until at least 1922. In 1922, the Town of Grimsby incorporated again and at this time all three municipalities (North Grimsby, South Grimsby & The Village of Grimsby) stood behind Charles as Mayor of all three districts. Charles was beloved by the community and was re-elected once again, in 1923, by acclamation, meaning that there was no vote-by-ballot, but rather vote-by-voice. This system of election was employed when the candidate was largely uncontested.

The community's commitment to Charles speaks volumes of his virtues and dedication to the town's development and success. The dwelling at 34 Mountain Street is a direct link to Charles, and his legacy as the first mayor of the municipality known today as the Town of Grimsby.

The property and dwelling were transferred to Charles by his father John C. Farrell in 1925. He and his family were prominent residents of the Village of Grimsby. He grew up in Grimsby, interacting with and participating in local events and attending daily gatherings with other prominent residents. This shaped his interest in politics, and likely encouraged him to contribute to the community.

Charles Farrell would have contributed significantly to the early development of the newly amalgamated Township. Many of the decisions made during Farrell's tenure would have been foundational decisions with lasting impacts. His property at 34 Mountain Street is a tangible piece of this important layer in Grimsby's history and provides a greater understanding of how the community evolved over time.

The historic dwelling is located along the Mountain Street corridor. The historic structure is situated at the base of the escarpment and is visible as you travel up the Mountain Street corridor. The scale, mass and form of the dwelling contributes to the established character of Mountain Street.

The parcel originally granted by the Crown to Nathaniel Pettit had both the grist mill (1791) and the sawmill (1792). As the parcel was broken up and sold off, those parts were granted or sold to notable families in town, including (originally) the Pettit's, Richard Allison and William Wilson, the Gibson's, Patrick and Katherine O'Farrell and Charles T. Farrell.

The property remains well known for its association with the Farrell family, primarily Charles' role as the first mayor of Grimsby. Charles lived in the dwelling during his tenure on Council and the historic dwelling is a lasting tangible link to this important period in Grimsby's early development. The historic dwelling is also historically and visually linked to its surround as the front porch of the house was historically used to advertise and celebrate during campaigns and holidays, demonstrating Farrell's pride for his family home and community.

HERITAGE ATTRIBUTES TO BE DESIGNATED

The Heritage Attributes to be designated at 34 Mountain Street include:

- Italianate Form and Proportions
- Red Brick Chimney on The West Facade
- Hipped Roof
- Wooden Soffit and Fascia
- Two Storey Facade
- Symmetrical Three Bay Facade
- Tapered Window Headers
- Clapboard Siding
- Two Storey Porch Centered on The Facade
- Large Bay Window on East Facade
- Grimsby Sandstone Foundation
- Setback from Mountain Road Bend
- Black Walnut Tree

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 Victoria Steele, 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

Last date to file Notice of Objection: February 24th, 2024