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April 10, 2018

Ms. Erin Semande
A/Provincial Heritage Registrar
Ontario Heritage Trust
10 Adelaide Street East
Toronto ON M5C 1J3

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Attention: Erin

RE: The Quaker Meeting House
1141 Maple Street, Pelham
Plan 16 Pt Lot 1
Roll No. 273201001516800

Please be advised that at its March 19, 2018 meeting, the Council of the Town of Pelham approved the by-law designating the property located at 1141 Maple Street under Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act. The By-law has been attached for your records.

If you have any questions or concerns please contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "S. Larocque", is written over a light blue circular stamp.

Shannon Larocque, MCIP, RPP,
Senior Planner

From the Department of
Community Planning
& Development

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THE CORPORATION OF THE
TOWN OF PELHAM

BY-LAW NO. 3980 (2018)

Being a by-law to designate the property known municipally as 1141 Maple Street, legally described as Lot 2 N/A East Canboro Street, Plan 703 Pelham; Part Lot 1 N/A East Canboro Street, Plan 703 Pelham being Parts 1, 2, 3 & 4, 59R-7128 & as in RO 104404, S/T RO 209833; Pelham

Owner: Town of Pelham

WHEREAS, Section 29 of the Ontario Heritage Act R.S.O. 1990, Chapter O.18, as amended, authorizes the Council of a municipality to enact by-laws to designate a property to be of cultural heritage value or interest, when the property meets the prescribed criteria for determining whether a property is of cultural heritage value or interest; and, the designation is made in accordance with the process set out in Section 29;

AND WHEREAS, notice of intention to designate property was published in the Voice of Pelham, a newspaper of general circulation in the municipality;

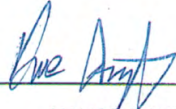
AND WHEREAS no notice of objection to the proposed designation has been served on the Clerk of the municipality;

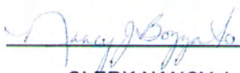
NOW THEREFORE, THE COUNCIL OF THE CORPORATION OF PELHAM ENACTS AS FOLLOWS:

1. **THAT** the property known as the Quaker Meeting House at 1141 Maple Street, more particularly described in Schedule 'A' hereto, is designated as being of cultural heritage value or interest.
2. **THAT** the statement explaining the cultural heritage value or interest of the property and the description of heritage attributes of the property known as the Quaker Meeting House at 1141 Maple Street is described in Schedule 'B' hereto.
3. **THAT** the Municipal Solicitor is hereby authorized to register a copy of this by-law in the Lan Registry Office on the property described in Schedule 'A' hereto.
4. **THAT** the Clerk is hereby authorized to provide notice of this By-law to the Ontario Heritage Trust and to publish notice of this By-law in a newspaper having general circulation in the municipality.
5. **THAT** this By-law shall come into effect and force from and after the date of passing thereof, pursuant to Section 29 (14.1) of the Ontario Heritage Act R.S.O. 1990, Chapter O.18, as amended.

ENACTED, SIGNED AND SEALED THIS

19th DAY OF MARCH 2018 A.D.



MAYOR DAVE AUGUSTYN

CLERK NANCY J. BOZZATO

SCHEDULE 'A'

LEGAL DESCRIPTION

Lot 2 N/A East Canboro Street, Plan 703 Pelham; Part Lot 1 N/A East Canboro Street, Plan 703 Pelham being Parts 1, 2, 3 & 4, S9R-7128 & as in RO 104404, S/T RO 209833; Pelham

SCHEDULE B DESIGNATION STATEMENT

**1141 MAPLE STREET
Fenwick ON L0S1C0**
"The Quaker Meeting House"

Roll No.: 273201001516800
Legal Description: Lot 2 N/A East Canboro Street, Plan 703 Pelham; Part Lot 1 N/A East Canboro Street, Plan 703 Pelham being Parts 1, 2, 3 & 4, 59R-7128 & as in RO 104404, S/T RO 209833; Pelham
Date of Construction: 1807
Architectural Influence(s): N/A
Historical Association(s): Quakers, Elias Hicks, the Women's Institute
Heritage Evaluation Grade: A



Statement of Design and/or Architectural Value and/or Interest:

The Quaker Meeting House is a single-detached, one-and-a-half storey building that sits close to the property line on Maple Street. It holds both institutional and landmark value to the community of Fenwick and Town of Pelham as a whole. It features a front gable roof with a smaller gable projecting from the front with small four-pane windows on either side. It has four eight-pane, double-hung windows on either side and three fenced in basement windows on either side. The building itself is completely white clapboard, and accented with green along the eaves, windows, door and drainpipes. There is an old tin chimney pipe on the roof and a very high old-brick foundation.

The building was purpose-built to meet the needs of the Quakers for a place to hold their meetings and as such the building design is simple, without adornment and high windows to minimize distraction from outside. This style is representative of the principles of the Quakerism and the style of early meeting houses. Original features are believed to include the exterior wooden cladding, windows and trim, interior wooden door, window and door trim, wooden plank floors and wainscoting.

Statement of Historical and/or Associative Value and/or Interest:

The Society of Friends, also known as the Quakers, settled in Pelham as early as 1793. A log meeting house was erected at what is now the corner of Welland and Effingham, and it was replaced in 1807 with a larger frame building. The teachings of Elias Hicks split the congregation in 1828, with the more conservative members leaving for Pelham Corners and the "Hicksites" remaining. The "Quaker Meeting House" was erected in 1875.

Upon reconciliation between the two groups, the Hicksites joined the Quakers on Haist Street and The Women's Institute took possession of the Quaker Meeting House. The Fenwick branch of the Women's Institute was the first in Pelham. Records speculate that it began in 1910 with Mrs. Emma Fitzgerald (later Mrs. A.C. Hansler) as president, and Mrs. Charles Fegan as secretary. In 1929 they were given permission to move the former Quaker Meeting House from its corner location at Effingham and Welland to its present location on Maple Street. They placed it on a new block foundation, repaired it and proceeded to hold meetings there until 1970.

The Model Railroad Club was formed in 1967 in Niagara Falls, and was subsequently moved to Fenwick in 1972. Their meetings commenced in the Quaker Meeting House building. The Town of Pelham provided the Niagara Model Railway Engineers with their headquarters based on the understanding that the club would keep the building in good condition.



Statement of Contextual Value and/or Interest:

The building is located in the heart of Fenwick, just down the road from the iconic Fenwick Flag Pole and from the central commercial area of the village. The building has been a landmark within the community of Fenwick, as the meeting location for early community groups that were instrumental in its early settlement and development. In more recent times, the building has served as a location for the community and people from around the Niagara Region to celebrate and learn about model railroading.

Source: Pelham Historical Calendar, 1987, 1993;
Local Architectural Conservation Advisory Committee Project, 1983



Additional Photographs of 1141 Maple Street:

