



An agency of the Government of Ontario



Un organisme du gouvernement de l'Ontario

This document was retrieved from the Ontario Heritage Act Register, which is accessible through the website of the Ontario Heritage Trust at **www.heritagetrust.on.ca**.

Ce document est tiré du registre aux fins de la *Loi sur le patrimoine de l'Ontario*, accessible à partir du site Web de la Fiducie du patrimoine ontarien sur **www.heritagetrust.on.ca**.



Municipality of
Dutton Dunwich

By-Law No. 2019-51

**BEING A BY-LAW TO DESIGNATE 8851 IONA ROAD TO BE OF
CULTURAL HERITAGE VALUE OR INTEREST**

WHEREAS pursuant to Section 29 of the Ontario Heritage Act, R.S.O. 1990, c. 0.18, as amended, the Council of a municipality may, by by-law, designate a property including buildings and structures thereon to be of cultural heritage value or interest;

AND WHEREAS the Council of the Corporation of the Municipality of Dutton Dunwich at its meeting of November 22, 2017 designated the property known as 8851 Iona Road to be of cultural heritage value or interest;

AND WHEREAS notice of that intention to so designate the property was duly published and served on November 30, 2017;

AND WHEREAS a number of objections to such designation were filed. Those objections have been resolved on the basis of the provisions of this By-law;

NOW THEREFORE, the Council of the Corporation of the Municipality of Dutton Dunwich enacts as follows:

1. THAT the real property at 8851 Iona Road, more particularly described in Schedule "A" attached hereto, is designated as being of cultural heritage value or interest for the reasons set out in Schedule "B" attached hereto.
2. THAT the Clerk is authorized to cause a copy of this by-law to be registered upon the title to the property described in Schedule "A" hereto in the proper Land Registry Office.
3. THAT the Clerk is authorized to cause a copy of this by-law to be served upon the owner of the aforesaid property and upon the Ontario Heritage Trust and to cause notice of this by-law to be published in the **West Elgin Chronicle**, and to enter the description of the aforesaid property, the name and address of its registered owner, and short reasons for its designation in the Register of all properties designated under the Ontario Heritage Act.

THIS By-law comes into force and effect on the day it is passed.

READ a first and second time this 22nd day of May, 2019.

READ a third time and finally passed this 22nd day of May, 2019.


Robert (Bob) Purcell, Mayor


Heather Bouw, Clerk

ONTARIO HERITAGE TRUST

JUL 15 2019

RECEIVED

SCHEDULE "A" To By-law

Legal Description

The property is legally described as Concession 8 Part Lot C E/S King Street and E/S King Street, Municipality of Dutton Dunwich, locally known as 8851 Iona Road in the geographic Township of Dunwich.

SCHEDULE "B"

Description of Property

The property municipally known as 8851 Iona Road is located on the west side of Iona Road, south of Crane Street. The property is located in the former Township of Dunwich.

Statement of Cultural Heritage Value or Interest

The property municipally known as 8851 Iona Road is of cultural heritage value because of its physical or design value, its historical or associative value, and its contextual values.

Historical/Associative Values

The building, now known as the Iona Community Hall, was built in 1862 as a Free Will Baptist Church. This denomination differed from other Baptists and from most other Protestant churches in its belief that divine grace, atonement, and salvation were "free," independent of merit or sacrament; it made inroads in Ontario during the second half of the nineteenth century.

The Free Baptist Church was one of three in Iona around the time it was built, when Iona had a population of about 600. The Church's congregation was dwindling by the 1880s, however, and in 1909 the Church of Christ Disciples took over the building. The Women's Institute was given permission to hold meetings in it. In 1913 the building became a public hall with a board of trustees. A continued shared use of the Hall is noted in minute books until 1979 when a community board of trustees was established and the Women's Institute withdrew. The building is now owned and operated by the Iona Community Preservation Association, a not-for-profit board.

The Iona Free Baptist Church building was constructed by carpenters Coates Keillor and John Lumley, assisted by Rufus and David Lumley. The Lumley family had come to Canada from Yorkshire in 1774, settling in Iona in early 19th century. Several of their descendants were known for their carpentry skills, building barns, churches, houses, and commercial buildings: or They were involved, as owners or builders, in both the first postmaster's fine Greek Revival house at 8947 Iona Road and the nineteenth-century store, with unexpected Moorish details, at 8979 Iona Road.

Physical/Design Values

The building located at 8851 Iona Road is a strikingly simplified version of a Georgian church building, influenced to some extent by the Classical Revival movement. The Church occupies a one-storey structure clad on the front, sides, and upper part of the back with clapboards, and with a gable roof that is unusually steep for its classical styles, but displays characteristic returned eaves. One effect is the large open area in the upper part of the façade, a space that in itself emphasizes the relative plainness of the structure.

The lower part of the façade is typically symmetrical, with a central entranceway flanked on each side by a 12/12 sash window. The current doorway sits within the large wooden surround that bordered the original entranceway surround: plain pilasters to each side are surmounted by a simple entablature consisting of a beveled plank supporting a flat protruding board. The original entranceway, which may have featured a transom, a larger door, and perhaps even sidelights, has been replaced by a plain wood backing in which has been inserted a smaller door, with a surround featuring corner rosettes. The windows also feature plain surrounds, although the lintel is shaped so as to suggest a shallow pediment and slightly extended to form shallow ears. This treatment is repeated on most of the twelve windows: the two on the front and four on each the north and south sides. The consistent simplicity of the building's decorative treatment ends it a trim elegance, further emphasized by the corner boards and the shallow cove moulding under the eaves. A kitchen extension has been added at the rear of the building.

Inside, the light, airy space enhanced by the large windows is bordered by original tongue-and-groove vertical wainscoting. Original plank boards still underlie the hardwood flooring added in the mid-twentieth century.

Contextual Values

Having served as a church, meeting place for the Women's Institute, and gathering place for community and family celebrations, the Iona Hall is closely identified with the historical evolution of the community. It is one of the two remaining early buildings in Iona constructed in a classical architectural style. Moreover, its site, set well back from the road on a shallow knoll within a large lot, dignifies the building and emphasizes its landmark status.

Heritage Attributes

Exterior features:

- Mass, form, and scale of the original church building, including the pitch of the gable roof;
- Clapboard wood siding on the façade, north and south facing sides and the upper back section;
- Returned eaves on the front and back;
- Cove mouldings under eaves;
- Pilasters and entablature of original entranceway;
- Twelve over twelve windows, four on the north and south sides, two on the front;
- Wood window surround, including sills and shaped lintels;
- Original glass window panes;
- Window muntins and rails;
- Corner boards;
- Parged stone foundation.

Interior features:

- Original wide plank flooring (now serving as subflooring);
- Vertical tongue-and-groove wainscoting