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## The Corporation of the Town of Grimsby

By-law No. 19-55

A by-law to designate the Grimsby Great Western Railway Station at 53 Ontario Street, 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;

**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:

53 Ontario Street  
Grimsby, ON

and upon the Ontario Heritage Trust, notice of intention to designate the **Grimsby Great Western Railway Station at 53 Ontario Street** and a statement of the reasons for the proposed designation, and further, has caused said notice of intention to be published in the Grimsby Lincoln News, being a newspaper of 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 this By-law.

### COUNCIL 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:

Grimsby Great Western Railway Station  
53 Ontario Street  
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 this 15<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2019.

READ A SECOND AND THIRD TIME AND FINALLY PASSED this 15<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2019.

J.A. Jordan, Mayor

S. Kim, Acting Town Clerk

**Schedule 'A' to  
BY-LAW 19-55**

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

Grimsby Great Western Railway Station,  
PT LT 434, Corporation Plan 4; PT 2, 30R-8681 ; GRIMSBY, municipally known  
as  
53 Ontario Street,  
Town of Grimsby,  
Regional Municipality of Niagara

**Schedule 'B' to  
BY-LAW 19-55  
Statement of Significance  
And Description of extent of the features  
To which the designation applies**

Statement of Cultural Heritage Value or Interest

The railway station at 53 Ontario Street was built circa 1855 and is representative of early railway building designs in the mid-19th century. The utilitarian design is similar to other stations of this age found throughout Ontario. The design of the station reflects its use as a transshipment portal from Grimsby to national and international destinations.

53 Ontario Street was the first Great Western Railway Station in the Town of Grimsby built circa 1855, a year after the Great Western Railway was established. The station was once considered the most important station between Hamilton and St. Catharines on the Great Western Railway Mainline. The railway station is the oldest and only remaining rail station in Grimsby and one of the oldest train stations still standing near its original site, in Canada.

The building has historical value through its connection to the Great Western Railway. The railway station is also directly associated with the rise of the fruit farming industry in Grimsby and contributes to the understanding of the link between transportation and the economic development of the town.

Heritage Attributes

The following architectural attributes have been determined to contribute to the heritage value of the building and constitute part of the *Statement of Cultural Heritage Value or Interest for 53 Ontario Street*:

- Timbered foundation
- Historic roof line- constructed from old growth timbers
- Exterior façades
- Original doorways
- Original window sills and openings
- Wide overhanging eaves
- Original brackets found under roof
- Remaining evidence and trim of the articulated window heads
- End gable
- Original patterned shipping doors
- Remaining pre-1900 window sash
- Remaining pre-1900 board and batten siding
- Conductors bay