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TOWNSHIP OF CENTRE WELLINGTON

BY-LAW 2007-030

Being a By-law to designate 176 Smith Street,
(known as the "Noble/Kraft" house) in the former
Village of Elora, to be of cultural heritage value or interest

WHEREAS on the advice of the Municipal Heritage Committee, Council has been advised to designate the property attached hereto to be of cultural heritage value or interest to the provisions of the *Ontario Heritage Act*, R.S.O. 1990, c.O.18;

AND WHEREAS the provisions of Section 29, Subsections (1), (2), (3) and (4) have been complied with.

NOW THEREFORE THE COUNCIL OF THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF CENTRE WELLINGTON HEREBY ENACTS AS FOLLOWS:

1. The lands and premises described as 176 Smith Street South, Plan 181, Lot 5, Part Block B, Part Lot 6, RP61R9466, Part 2, (formerly in Village of Elora), now in Township of Centre Wellington are hereby designated to be a building of cultural heritage value or interest.
2. The reasons for the designation are as follows:

Cultural Heritage Value or Interest:

Design or Physical Value

The 1865 form, scale, and simple styling of the stone portion of the Kraft House is an example of an early dwelling built in the settlement period of the village of Elora.

The use of rubblestone is representative of the availability of this natural building material in early Elora.

This is an example of a "working man's cottage," as a modest, 3-bay, storey-and-a-half dwelling.

Historical or Associative Value

The stone dwelling was erected in 1865 for local wagon and carriage maker George Noble. His role as a businessman and resident throughout Elora's early history is significant to the community. This stone dwelling is an example of the work of stonemason Mr. McIntosh.

The proximity of George Noble's 1865 dwelling to his 1870 dwelling opposite (181 Smith Street) allows for a visual comparison of what is likely Noble's increasing level of business success and ability to construct a finer house.

The geographic alignment of the two Noble dwellings to his carriage works on Geddes Street (now removed) reflects the 19th century pattern of living near a workplace.

The juxtaposition that allows the visual comparison of Noble's stone dwelling to the brick Hollis House at 37 Henderson Street, both built in 1865, contributes to the knowledge of Elora's built heritage before the arrival of the railway and imported building materials.

George Sutherland, a stone cutter and mason was the third owner and resident of the dwelling.

Contextual Value

The property is within a triangular parcel of land surveyed in 1857 into seven lots bound by Smith Street, Henderson Street, and Victoria Crescent. The 1865 stone dwelling is among the earliest surviving structures erected in the decade following the creation of these lots in 1857.

The triangle and the larger neighbourhood form an enclave of primarily historic structures, outbuildings, infrastructure, natural features, and open spaces. The 1865 stone dwelling is important in defining, maintaining, and supporting the character of this historic area.

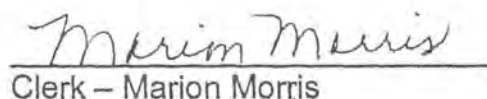
What is to be Protected by Designation

The cultural heritage value or interest of this property is contained in the 1865 stone portion of the dwelling only, and does not include the existing 1915-1916 brick addition or carport. The key heritage attributes of the stone dwelling are exterior only and include:

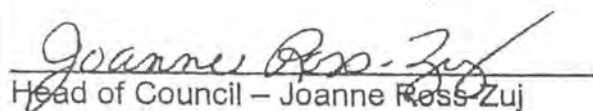
- The simple style, 3-bay form, and massing
 - The rubblestone with mortar and tuckpointing construction
 - The original, flat window openings
 - The use of double hung, multipaned-type window sashes
 - The medium-pitched gable roof
 - The centre door opening on the east facade
3. This By-law shall be registered against the title of the lands described as 176 Smith Street, Plan 181, Lot 5, Pt. Block B, Part Lot 6, RP61R9466, Part 2, (formerly in Village of Elora), now in Township of Centre Wellington.
4. This By-law shall come into force and take effect upon its final passing.

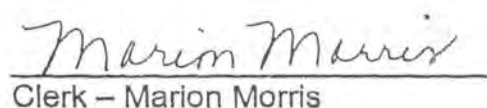
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Head of Council – Joanne Röss-Zuj


Clerk – Marion Morris

READ A THIRD TIME AND PASSED this 22nd day of May, 2007.


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