

The Corporation of the Municipality of West Grey

By-Law Number 125 - 2018

Being a By-law to designate the lands and buildings at
240 Garafraxa Street North, Geographic Town of Durham,
to be of cultural heritage value or interest

WHEREAS:

1. The Ontario Heritage Act, R.S.O. 1990, c. O.18, as amended authorizes the Council of a municipality to enact by-laws to designate real property including all the buildings and structures thereon, to be of cultural heritage value or interest;
2. Whereas authority was granted by Council to designate the property at 240 Garafraxa Street North, Geographic Town of Durham (Durham Carnegie Free Library) as being of cultural heritage value or interest, and
3. The reasons for designation are set out in Schedule "B";
4. No notice of objection to the proposed designation has been served upon the clerk of the municipality;

NOW THEREFORE THE COUNCIL OF THE CORPORATION OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF WEST GREY HEREBY ENACTS AS FOLLOWS:

1. There is designated as being of cultural heritage value or interest the real property more particularly described in Schedule "A", municipally known as 240 Garafraxa Street North, Geographic Town of Durham;
2. The Municipality's legal representative is hereby authorized to cause a copy of this By-law to be registered against the property described in Schedule "A" in the proper land registry office;
3. Municipal staff is hereby authorized to cause a copy of this By-law to be served upon the Ontario Heritage Trust and to cause notice of this By-law to be published in a newspaper having general circulation in the Municipality.
4. This By-law shall come into force and take effect upon its final passing.

Read a first and second time this 19th day of November, 2018.

Read a third time and finally passed this 19th day of November, 2018.

(Signed)

Kevin Eccles, Mayor

(Signed)

Mark Turner, Clerk

Schedule "A"

Legal Description

240 Garafraxa Street, Geographic Town of Durham, legally described as PIN: 37318-0527 (LT): PART LOT 19 W/S GARAFRAXA ROAD PLAN 500 DURHAM, PARTS 4 & 5 ON 16R10764; TOGETHER WITH AN EASEMENT AS IN GS54800; SUBJECT TO AN EASEMENT OVER PT 5 16R10764 AS IN GY141495; MUNICIPALITY OF WEST GREY; and PIN: 37318-0528 (LT): PART LOT 19 W/S GARAFRAXA ROAD PLAN 500 DURHAM, BEING PART 3 16R10764; MUNICIPALITY OF WEST GREY

Schedule "B"
Reasons for Designation

The reasons for designation are as follows:

Description

The property at 240 Garafraxa Street North is worthy of designation under Part IV, Section 29 of the Ontario Heritage Act for its cultural heritage value, and meets the criteria for municipal designation prescribed by the Province of Ontario under the three categories of design, association and contextual values. Located on the west side of Garafraxa Street North, north of George Street West immediately north of the Knox United Church in the community of Durham, the Durham Carnegie Free Library, built 1911 to 1912, is a 1 storey institutional building constructed as an area library and meeting room.

Statement of Cultural Heritage Value

The Durham Carnegie Free Library is a well preserved, representative example of a stone and brick, Beaux-Arts Classical Revival style, institutional building in the community of Durham. It was constructed for the municipality of the Town of Durham in response to a \$8,000 grant from the Carnegie Foundation for the construction of a free, public library. The Foundation, founded in 1905, is a philanthropic organization established by the American industrialist, Andrew Carnegie, which, in the early twentieth century, provided grants to municipalities in the English speaking world for the construction of free public libraries to further Carnegie's belief of a society governed by meritocracy through self-education. The Building was designed by the Guelph Architect William Austin Mahoney (1871 – 1952). It was constructed by Hugh McDonald (masonry) and George Kress (carpentry) on land that had been donated to the Town by a mayor, David Jackson Jr. The Library, in its original location facing east, retains the architectural features required by the Foundation and in particular, James Bertram, Carnegie's secretary. The Library, located immediately north of the Knox United (originally Presbyterian) Church, contributes to, and has a strong visual presence on, the streetscape of this predominantly residential area just north of the commercial core of Durham. The Building was used as the community library from its opening until 2017.

Description of Heritage Attributes To Be Protected

The heritage attributes of the property 240 Garafraxa Street North are:

- On the Exterior:
- The 1–storey institutional building on a raised basement
- The scale, form, height and massing of this square building on a rectangular-shaped lot
- The broken coursed, cut limestone basement and the red brick clad first floor; the latter with banding on the principal (east) elevation
- The low pitched, black asphalt shingled, hip roof with its projecting, plain wood clad eaves on the main building on the portico
- The symmetrical arrangement of the principal (east) elevation with the central entrance, positioned mid-way between the basement and the first floor, flanked on either side by pairs of window openings on the first floor and the basement
- The central portico on the principal (east) elevation, which shelters the front entrance, with arched openings with stepped concrete voussoirs on the three sides, Ionic columns and pilasters on red brick piers supporting the portico and key-stone cartouche in the east opening
- The straight staircase and plain concrete balustrade leading to the portico and the front entrance
- The first floor large rectangular window openings with one over one wooden sash and transom above and concrete lug sills on all elevations
- The concrete lintels over all window openings except those on the first floor of the principal elevation where there are large stepped voussoirs over the semi-circular window openings
- The shorter window openings on the basement with one over one wood sash
- The wide front entrance opening with its semi-circular head, door leafed door and semi-circular transom

On the Interior on the first floor:

- The high ceilings
- On all windows - wood casings and sills
- Around all door openings - wood casings
- The wood framed, glass paneled swinging doors from the vestibule to the first floor
- All baseboards and chair rails
- The pair of tapered, square, paneled wood columns immediately west of the entrance vestibule
- The moulded wood casing at the base of the arched and straight openings, that latter supported by the pair of square columns,
- The paneled doors to the office and to the basement staircase

On the interior in the basement:

- The staircase leading from the first floor to the basement, including newel posts, balusters, hand rail, string course, treads and risers
- The door and wall of the basement entrance vestibule
- On all remaining windows – wood casings and sills

Contextual Value

The property at 240 Garafraxa Street North is located on the west side of Garafraxa Street North between Chester and George Streets West in a predominantly residential area. The Durham Carnegie Free Library is immediately north of the Knox United Church. Although both the Church and the Library have landscaped front yards, the Church is setback further from the street than the Library. Immediately north of the Library there is a large, open parking area. As a result of the position of the Library relative to the Church and the parking area, the Library has visual prominence whether viewed from the north or the south. Although the Library, because of its height, roof and mass has a domestic scale, the portico and large window voussoirs provide further visual prominence to the Library