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The Corporation of the Municipality of Clarington

By-law 2024-041

Being a by-law to designate the property known for municipal purposes as 127 Church Street North, Orono, Municipality of Clarington as a property of historic or architectural value or interest under the *Ontario Heritage Act*, R. S. O. 1990, Chapter O.18;

Whereas the *Ontario Heritage Act*, R. S. O., 1990, c.O. 18 authorizes the Council of the Municipality to enact by- laws to designate properties to be of historic or architectural value or interest for the purposes of the Act; and

Whereas the Council of the Corporation of the Municipality of Clarington has caused to be served upon the owner of the property known for municipal purposes at 127 Church Street North, Orono and upon the Ontario Heritage Foundation, Notice of Intention to Designate the aforesaid real property and has caused such Notice of Intention to be published in the Orono Times, a newspaper and the municipal website having general circulation in the area of the designation on June 5, 2024 ; and

Whereas the reasons for the designation of the aforesaid property under the *Ontario Heritage Act* are contained in Schedule "A" attached to and forming part of this by-law; and

Whereas the Clarington Heritage Committee has recommended that the property known for municipal purposes as 127 Church Street North, Orono, be designated as a property of historic or architectural value or interest under the *Ontario Heritage Act*; and

Whereas no notice of objection to the proposed designation was served upon the Municipal Clerk within the period prescribed by the *Ontario Heritage Act*;

Now Therefore the Council of the Corporation of The Municipality of Clarington hereby enacts as follows:

1. The property known for municipal purposes at 127 Church Street North, Orono which is more particularly described in Schedule "B" which is attached to and forms part of this by- law, is hereby designated as a property which has historic or architectural value or interest under Section 29 of the *Ontario Heritage Act*, R. S. O. 1990, c. O. 18.
2. The Solicitor for the Municipality of Clarington is hereby authorized to cause a copy of this by-law to be registered against the title to the property described in Schedule "B" hereto.

3. The Municipal Clerk is hereby authorized to cause a copy of this by-law to be served upon the owner of the property described in Schedule "B" hereto and on the Ontario Heritage Foundation. The Municipal Clerk also is authorized to cause notice of the passing of this by-law to be published in the Orono Times, a newspaper and the municipal website having general circulation in the area of the designation.

Passed in Open Council this 23rd day September, 2024.

Adrian Foster, Mayor

June Gallagher, Municipal Clerk

Written approval of this by-law was given by Mayoral Decision MDE-2024-007 dated September 23, 2024.

Schedule 'A'

To By-law 2024- 040

Statement of Significance and List of Character Defining Features

127 Church Street North, currently Orono Library, is located on a large lot on the corner of Church Street North and Centreview Street in Orono. The property consists of a two-storey residential structure that was built in 1882 with a one-and-a-half addition on the south side. It was recently home to the Orono Mill Stone, a piece of record of the only mill in Orono in the 1850s.

Physical/Design Value

127 Church Street North, Orono is a fine example of Italianate residences in Clarington. The two-storey red brick structure is typical of the Italianate style through its massing and rich ornamentation. Details include the usage of a 1/3 running bond brickwork pattern, the pencil-lined mortar between the bricks, a low-pitched roof, single bracketed eaves, arched windows crested with cement scroll with label stops and an elaborate enclosed entranceway with railing and decorative pillars. 127 Church Street North, Orono displays a high degree of craftsmanship and artistic value through its decorative finishes.

Historical/Associative Value

The building holds a unique place in history, having been built under the ownership of John Waddell, a prominent figure in Orono. Mr. Waddell, a major employer, founded the Orono Furniture Factory in 1868 and was half-owner of the Orono Cheese Factor, which was built in 1874. He also owned the North American Hotel, which was situated on the corner of Main Street and Centre Street for a period of time. The building was the home of his two children, Mary and Roddock. Mary Waddell was the first woman appointed to the mathematics staff at the University of Toronto. She entered Osgoode Hall in 1921 and was called to the Bar at Osgoode Hall in 1924. Mary Waddell was the only female to be both a lawyer and a faculty member in mathematics at the University of Toronto at that time. She was the first Canadian woman to join the American Mathematical Association. Roddock Waddell was a practicing lawyer who set up his practice in Orono in the 1930s. He was also known as an active member of several local boards.

Since 1969, the property has been under the ownership of the Clarke Public Library Board. It served as the Clarke Museum until 1985, preserving and showcasing the local history. Today, it stands as the Orono Library, a hub of knowledge and community engagement.

Contextual Value

The property ground contains mature trees framing the building, including black locust, black walnut, and a large Copper Beech tree on the west lawn in front of the building. These may have been planted before the structure was constructed.

The lawns within the property premises provide the only park-like setting space within the downtown core of Orono. 127 Church Street North, Orono maintains and supports the historical character of the downtown core of Orono.

The property's historical architectural style, setback, massing, placement and park-like setting contribute to the historical character of downtown. It is perceived as a local landmark and a hub of community life.

Description of Heritage Attributes

127 Church Street North, Orono is a fine example of Italianate residences. The property contains the following heritage attributes that reflect this value:

- Two-storey Italianate style residence
- Façade with 1/3 running bond and pencil-lined mortar between the bricks
- Low-pitched roof
- Eaves with decorative brackets
- Two over two and smaller arched windows with cement scroll with label stops
- Angled three-sided bays
- Raised porch with wooden floor and four elaborate wooden posts
- Enclosed entranceway with glass panels and wooden panels, top railing, decorative brackets, ornate pillars and wooden door

127 Church Street North, Orono was constructed under the ownership of John Waddell, a major employer in Orono, in the 1860s. The property contains the following heritage attributes that reflect this value:

- Two-storey Italianate style residence

127 Church Street North, Orono maintains and supports the historical character of downtown Orono. The property contains the following heritage attributes that reflect this value:

- Two-storey Italianate style residence
- Structure placement, orientation and setback on the property
- Park-like setting with mature trees

Other Heritage Attributes

- The Orono Mill Stone

Schedule 'B'
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Legal Description:

LT 1 BLK N (LT 28 CON 5 CLARKE) PL VILLAGE OF ORONO CLARKE; LT 2 BLK N (LT 28 CON 5 CLARKE) PL VILLAGE OF ORONO CLARKE; LT 3 BLK N (LT 28 CON 5 CLARKE) PL VILLAGE OF ORONO CLARKE; CLARINGTON

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