

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF LINCOLN

BY-LAW NO. 79-85

A BY-LAW TO DESIGNATE THE PROPERTY KNOWN MUNICIPALLY AS 62 MOUNTAIN ST., BEAMSVILLE, BEING LOT 269, CORPORATION PLAN 3, AS BEING OF ARCHITECTURAL AND HISTORICAL VALUE AND INTEREST.

WHEREAS Section 29 of the Ontario Heritage Act, 1974, authorizes the Council of the municipality to enact by-laws to designate real property including all buildings and structures thereon, to be of architectural or historical value or interest;

AND WHEREAS the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Lincoln has caused to be served on the owners of the lands and premises known municipally as 62 Mountain Street, Beamsville, and upon the Ontario Heritage Foundation, notice of intention to so designate the aforesaid real property, and has caused such notice of intention to be published in the same newspaper having general circulation in the Municipality once for each of three consecutive weeks;

AND WHEREAS no notice of objection to the proposed designation has been served on the Clerk of the Municipality.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Lincoln enacts as follows:

1. THERE IS designated as being of architectural and historical value or interest the real property known as the Lincoln Public Library, Central Facility, and Masonic Lodge, AF and AM, Beamsville and known Municipally as 62 Mountain Street, Beamsville, and more particularly described as follows:

"All of Lot 269 of Corporation Plan No. 3 of the former Village of Beamsville, then the Town of Beamsville, and now in the Town of Lincoln, in the Regional Municipality of Niagara."

2. THE Municipal Solicitor is hereby authorized to cause a copy of this by-law to be registered against the property described herein in the Niagara North Registry Office.
3. THE Clerk is hereby authorized to cause a copy of this By-law to be served on the owner of the aforesaid property and on the Ontario Heritage Foundation and to cause notice of the passing of this By-law to be published in the same newspaper having general circulation in the Municipality once for each of three consecutive weeks.

PASSED this 17th day of September, 1979

Original signed by:
MAYOR: GLADYS HUFFMAN

Original signed by:
CLERK: MICHAEL F. DUC

Appendix 'A' to By-law No. 79-85

Constructed in 1851 as a Township Hall for Clinton Township. The upper storey was leased by the Township Council to the Sons of Temperance. The architect is unknown. The contractor was Henry Mihell who apparently completed the building in September of 1851 and in the following years was used as a Township meeting place, and for a variety of other community uses. On May 23, 1856, John B. Osborne, a local businessman and benefactor paid the Township of Clinton 150 pounds to lease "forever" the upper storey of the building and after the Sons of Temperance had faded away, in 1871 he assigned the lease to the Masonic Lodge. The lodge has occupied upper floor of the building since that time, and the lower floor has continued in Municipal uses to the present. Please refer to the attached excerpts from the Lincoln History which provide more details on the interesting history of this building.

The information provided above is contained in the "Lincoln History" by W.F. Rannie, a local writer and the facts given are supported by records of by-laws and meetings, that survived years.