

**THE CORPORATION
OF THE
TOWN OF NIAGARA-ON-THE-LAKE**

BY-LAW NO. 2024-038

(46 Johnson Street, Roll No. 262701000309600)

A BY-LAW TO DESIGNATE THE PROPERTY KNOWN MUNICIPALY AS, **BARKER HALL, 46 JOHNSON STREET (PLAN 86 PART LOT 106)**, IN THE TOWN OF NIAGARA-ON-THE-LAKE, IN THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO, AS BEING OF CULTURAL HERITAGE VALUE OR INTEREST.

WHEREAS Section 29 of the Ontario Heritage Act, R.S.O. 1990, Chapter 0.18, authorizes the Council of a municipality to enact by-laws to designate real property, including all buildings and structures thereon, to be of cultural heritage value or interest; and

WHEREAS the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Niagara-on-the-Lake has caused to be served on the owner of the lands and premises known as the **BARKER HALL, 46 JOHNSON STREET**, in the Town of Niagara-on-the-Lake in the Province of Ontario and upon the Ontario Heritage Trust, notice of intention to so designate the aforesaid real property and has caused such notice of intention to be published in a newspaper having general circulation in the municipality; and

WHEREAS the reasons for designation are set out in Schedule 'B' hereto; 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 Niagara-on-the-Lake enacts as follows:

1. There is designated as being of cultural heritage value or interest the real property known as **BARKER HALL, 46 JOHNSON STREET** in the Town of Niagara-on-the-Lake in the Province of Ontario, more particularly described in Schedule 'A' hereto.
2. The municipal solicitor is hereby authorized to cause a copy of this By-law to be registered against the property described in Schedule 'A' hereto.
3. The Clerk is hereby authorized to cause copy of this By-law to be served on the owners of the aforesaid property and on the Ontario Heritage Trust and to cause notice of the passing of this By-law to be published in a newspaper having general circulation.

READ A FIRST, SECOND AND THIRD TIME AND PASSED ON THIS 28th DAY OF MAY, 2024.



LORD MAYOR GARY ZALEPA



TOWN CLERK GRANT BIVOL

SCHEDULE 'A'

Legal Address: Plan 86 Part Lot 106

PIN: 463990090

Civic Address: 46 Johnson Street

SCHEDULE 'B'

BARKER HALL, 46 JOHNSON STREET

Description of Property

The subject property is located on 46 Johnson Street. The Barker Hall is located at the intersection of Johnson Street and Regent Street. The orientation of the built structure is such that it is placed close to Johnson Street and Regent Street and has a large backyard in the rear with accessory structures. The pedestrian access to the house is through a stepped podium facing Johnson Street. Access for cars is through a paved driveway located towards the west of the residential structure, through Regent Street.

Statement of Cultural Heritage Value or Interest

The property known as the Barker Hall has cultural heritage value or interest for its design and physical values, its historical and associative values and its contextual values.

Barker Hall is also of design and physical value because it exhibits a relatively rare example, in Town, of an asymmetrical façade and floor plan for a Georgian residence. The unique two-storey clapboard dwelling breaks away from tradition as it does not adhere to a rigid symmetry on the front façade which means the floor plan of the dwelling is also unique with the house's hall being slightly off-centre, creating a larger room to the right of the main entrance. Barker Hall features a low-hipped roof with two brick chimneys. The irregular three-bay façade is close to the street line. The original entrance to the dwelling still remains intact with a detailed doorway. The doorway features moulded wooden trim surrounds with an entablature and slender fluted columns on either side of the doorway. The doorway also contains a sash situated above the transom which has a lozenge pattern, a unique pattern of detail for its time in Niagara-on-the-Lake. The words "Barker Hall" is engraved on the polished brass doorknocker at the main entrance of the house.

Barker Hall is also of value because of its association with early settlers in the area including John Barker, a prominent municipal official in Niagara and the captain of the Niagara Fire Company. He was involved in the 1837 Upper Canada Rebellion. As described by William Kirby in his Annals of Niagara, 'there was at that time a splendid fire company in Niagara, composed of the most respectable and active men in the town, under the command of their captain, Mr. John Barker, a sturdy English Loyalist'. John Barker along with his company took an active part in stopping the uprising. Other previous owners of 46 Johnson have included Thomasin Barker, who was the son of John Barker. Thomasin operated a boarding house at Barker Hall which played a part in providing refuge after the American Civil War, when Niagara became a sanctuary for several confederate politicians. 46 Johnson Street has the potential to yield information that contributes to the understanding of confederate politicians that took boarding at Barker Hall during the American Civil War.

The Barker Hall has contextual value because it is important in supporting the historic character of the area. Barker Hall is within the boundaries of the National Historical District in the Town of Niagara-on-the-Lake and is in close proximity to the Queen-Picton heritage district. The house design and layout of the subject property, in terms of the setback and materials, is in keeping with the surrounding properties, especially the Part IV designated property at 58 Johnson Street. The massing and style of both the properties is very similar.

Description of Heritage Attributes

Key exterior attributes include:

- Hipped roof

- Red brick chimneys
- Clapboard siding
- Asymmetrical three-bay façade with symmetrical elements
- Symmetrical side elevation on Regent Street
- Main entryway with moulded wooden surrounds
- Entablature and fluted columns on main entrance
- Transom with lozenge pattern
- Rectangular openings
- Setback from road
- Location within National historic district