

In the Matter of the *Ontario Heritage Act*

Notice of Intent to Designate

The *Ontario Heritage Act*, R.S.O., 1990, c. 0.18 as amended, provides that the Municipal Council may pass a by-law designating property within the boundaries of the municipality to be of cultural heritage value and interest. The Council of the Municipality of Kingsville hereby gives Notice of Intent to designate the Pastorius House, 12 Main Street East, Kingsville Ontario for the following reasons:

Description of Property:

The Pastorius House, 12 Main Street East, Kingsville Ontario, is worthy of designation 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 as described in the Statement of Cultural Heritage Value or Interest below. The Pastorius House is a three-storey hotel constructed as a two storey-hotel in 1855 with the third storey added in 1859 and is located on the North side of Main Street.

Statement of Cultural Heritage Value or Interest:

Design Value

The Pastorius House, originally constructed in 1885, showcases significant architectural evolution that underscores its design value. Initially built as a two-story structure to replace the fire-damaged Commercial Hotel, a third story was added in 1889 by architect John Alexander Maycock, enhancing both its capacity and facade. The architectural upgrades transformed it into a landmark with a distinct veneered brick design and an elaborate interior featuring chestnut finishes and a comprehensive heating system.

Significant restorations over the years, such as the 2010 exterior renovation that aimed to reflect the original architecture, have preserved the structural integrity and historical aesthetics of the building. This adherence to preserving original design elements while accommodating modern needs exemplifies a deep appreciation for the architectural heritage and a commitment to maintaining its aesthetic and functional value.

Associative Value

The Pastorius House is deeply rooted in its historical and cultural significance to the community of Kingsville. Initially serving as a hotel under various ownerships, it has been a central hub for local and traveling patrons for over a century. Throughout its history, the Pastorius House has undergone multiple ownership changes and purposes, ranging from a hotel to a venue for topless dancers, before being transformed into the current mixed use hotel featuring accommodation and dining option.

Each phase of its existence has contributed layers of social and cultural significance, embodying the evolving community values and economic shifts. The building's ability to adapt to community needs while maintaining its historical essence enhances its associative value, making it not just a structure but a storied place with deep roots in local heritage.

Contextual Value

The Pastorius House holds a key position in the architectural and urban development narrative of Kingsville. Located on Main Street, it has witnessed and adapted to significant urban changes, from its origins in a burgeoning village to its current status in a developed urban landscape. Its presence at a strategic location has made it a focal point in the town, contributing significantly to the urban aesthetic and economic activity of the area.

The building's historical context, from serving as a temperance hotel to becoming a vibrant part of the town's social scene, reflects the broader socio-economic trends and cultural shifts within Kingsville. Moreover, its continual restoration and adaptation highlight the community's effort to balance growth with historical preservation, ensuring that the Pastorius House remains relevant and valuable in a modern context. Through thoughtful preservation and adaptive reuse, it remains a testament to the architectural heritage and cultural history of the region, continually serving as a bridge between the past and the present.

Description of Heritage Attributes:

Each heritage attribute of the Pastorius House property at 12 Main Street East listed below is indicative of its design value:

- Original Brick Chimney
- Full Span Balconies
- Dentil Moldings
- Hardie Board Siding
- Multi-Level columns
- Corbels
- Window Toppers
- Footprint of the building
- Style and arching of the front door