



# The Municipal Corporation of the Town of Fort Erie

## By-law No. 62-2019

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### Being a By-law to Designate 848 Garrison Road as Being of Architectural and Historical Value or Interest

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**Whereas** Section 29 of the *Ontario Heritage Act*, R.S.O. 1990, Chapter O.18, as amended, authorizes the council of a municipality to pass a by-law to designate a property within the municipality to be of cultural heritage value or interest, and

**Whereas** notice of intention to designate as required under Section 29(1) of the aforesaid Act was served on Charles Sferrazza and Stephanie Sferrazza (the trustees for the late Owner) of the property legally described as Part Lot 1, Concession 3 Niagara River, Bertie, Parts 1, 2 and 3, 59R10454; S/T RO444069; Fort Erie, Subject to Execution 92-11346, if enforceable; Subject to Execution 93-00723, if enforceable, being all of PIN 64236-0375 (LT), and municipally known as 848 Garrison Road, and

**Whereas** at the Council-in-Committee meeting held March 18, 2019, the Municipal Council of the Town of Fort Erie approved the Municipal Heritage Standing Committee's request through Report No. PDS-20-2019 to designate the dwelling at 848 Garrison Road under the *Ontario Heritage Act*, and

**Whereas** notice of intention to designate as required under Section 29(3) of the Ontario Heritage Act was served on the Ontario Heritage Trust for the property known as 848 Garrison Road, and was also published in the Fort Erie Post, a newspaper having general circulation in the Town of Fort Erie, on March 21, 2019, and

**Whereas** no notice of objection to the proposed designation has been served on the Clerk of the Municipality, and

**Whereas** it is deemed desirable to designate 848 Garrison Road as having cultural and historic significance, under the *Ontario Heritage Act*, R.S.O. 1990, Chapter O. 18, as amended.

**Now therefore** the Council of the Town of Fort Erie enacts as follows:

1. **That** the dwelling located on the property municipally known as 848 Garrison Road, in the Town of Fort Erie and legally described as Part Lot 1, Concession 3 Niagara River, Bertie, Parts 1, 2 and 3, 59R10454; S/T RO444069; Fort Erie, Subject to Execution 92-11346, if enforceable; Subject to Execution 93-00723, if enforceable, being all of PIN 64236-0375 (LT), is hereby designated as having cultural heritage value or interest for its cultural, contextual and historical value, under the *Ontario Heritage Act*, R.S.O. 1990, Chapter O. 18, as amended, for the reasons set out in the Statement of Cultural Heritage Value or Interest attached as Schedule "A".

2. **That** the Clerk of the Town is authorized to effect any minor modifications, corrections or omissions, solely of an administrative, numerical, grammatical, semantical or descriptive nature to this by-law or its schedules after the passage of this by-law.

**Read a first, second and third time and finally passed this 23rd day of April, 2019.**

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Mayor

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Clerk

I, Carol Schofield, the Clerk, of The Corporation of the Town of Fort Erie certifies the foregoing to be a true copy of By-law No. 62-2019 of the said Town. Given under my hand and the seal of the said Corporation, this       day of       , 2019.

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**Description of Property**

848 Garrison Road

Part Lot 1, Concession 3 Niagara River, Bertie, Parts 1, 2 and 3, 59R10454; S/T RO444069; Fort Erie, Subject to Execution 92-11346, if enforceable; Subject to Execution 93-00723, if enforceable, being all of PIN 64236-0375 (LT)

**Statement of Cultural Heritage Value or Interest**

The house is a combination of both Gothic Revival (the steeply pitched gable) and Italianate (the round headed openings, the fretwork at the top of the porch posts and the double front door). The steep central gable, centered doorway, live-bay façade and veranda across the front helped to establish a pleasant, now familiar design for Canadian farmhouses throughout Ontario. The residence was the former home of Brigadier-General Ernest A. Cruikshank.

Ernest Cruikshank (1853-1939) took an active interest in municipal affairs and at the early age of 22 was appointed the Assessment Officer for Bertie Township.

In 1878 he was elected Reeve of Fort Erie (1878-1882) and in 1882 he was appointed a Justice of the Peace in Fort Erie and was an engineer for Bertie Township as well in 1883. 1885 saw him begin a second term as Reeve of the Town and he served until 1887. He was appointed to the Welland County Council in 1896 and served in that capacity until 1904 as well.

Ernest Cruikshank lived in Fort Erie until 1904 at which time he was appointed as the police magistrate of Niagara Falls and moved to that community. The following year he was elected as a Fellow of the Royal Society of Canada. In 1908 he resigned his Militia command and moved to Ottawa to take charge of military documents held in the Dominion Archives. In 1915 he was honored with the Militia rank of Brigadier General.

Over two hundred and fifty books and publications are credited to Ernest Alexander Cruikshank.

In 1943 Ernest Cruikshank was named a Person of National Historic Significance by the Historical Sites and Monuments Board of Canada.

**Description of Heritage Attributes**

**Architectural Style:** A combination of both Gothic Revival (the steeply pitched gable) and Italianate (the round headed openings, the fretwork at the top of the porch posts and the double front door)

**Design/Details/Craftsmanship:** The steep central gable, centered doorway, live-bay façade and veranda across the front helped to establish a pleasant, now familiar design for Canadian farmhouses throughout Ontario.

**Continuity/Design Compatibility:** It is one of the older homes in Fort Erie.