

**OFFICE CONSOLIDATION  
FOR INFORMATION PURPOSES ONLY**

**THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF GANANOQUE  
BY-LAW NO. 78-20**

**Amended by By-law No. 2018-084 dated October 16, 2018**

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**A BY-LAW TO DESIGNATE THE PROPERTY MUNICIPALLY KNOWN AS THE  
OLD POST OFFICE, 110 STONE STREET SOUTH, GANANOQUE, AS BEING  
OF ARCHITECTURAL AND HISTORICAL VALUE**

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**WHEREAS** The *Ontario Heritage Act* 1974 provides that the council of a municipality if it desires to designate a property to be of historic or architectural value or interest shall pass a by-law so designating the property.

**October 16, 2018 – Amendment (By-law No. 2018-084)**

**WHEREAS** The *Ontario Heritage Act*, Section 29 in Part IV, as amended, provides that the Council of a municipality may by by-law designate a property within the municipality to be of cultural heritage value or interest.

**AND WHEREAS** the Old Post Office, located at 110 Stone Street South was designated by By-law No. 78-20, dated July 4, 1978, to be a property of historic and architectural value or interest;

**AND WHEREAS** the *Ontario Heritage Act*, Part IV, Section 27, subsection 1.1 requiring that a municipal heritage register include a statement explaining the cultural heritage value or interest of the property and a description of the heritage attributes of the property;

**AND WHEREAS** the Council of the Town of Gananoque passed Motion #18-113, authorizing staff to publish a Notice of Intention to Amend the Heritage Designation of the property to include the heritage attributes of the property;

**AND WHEREAS** on August 2, 2018, the Notice was published on the Town's website, local newspaper, for two (2) consecutive weeks and served on the property owner and Ontario Heritage Trust;

**AND WHEREAS** the public was provided an opportunity to object to the Notice of Intention to Amend on or before Friday, August 31, 2018 to the Town Clerk;

**AND WHEREAS** the Town Clerk has not received any objections to the proposed designation as of August 31, 2018;

**AND WHEREAS** the Committee of the Whole reviewed COW Report-ED-2018-09, and concurs with the staff recommendation to amend By-law No. 76-13, to include the "Statement of Cultural Heritage Value or Interest";

**AND WHEREAS** the Council of the Town of Gananoque deems it advisable to pass this amending By-law.

**NOW THEREFORE** the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Gananoque enacts as follows:

1. The building owned by Mr. Larry Steacy known as The Old Post Office located upon Lot 14, Block "0", East of the Gananoque River according to Plan 86 of the town is hereby designated a property of historic and architectural value or interest.

### **October 16, 2018 – Amendment**

1. **SCHEDULES:**
  - 1.1 That By-law No. 78-20, be hereby amended to include the attached Statement of Cultural Heritage Value or Interest marked as Schedule 'A'.
2. **REGISTER ON TITLE:**
  - 2.1 This By-law shall be Registered on Title, as described in Schedule 'A'.

**Heritage Designation By-law No. 78-20  
as amended by By-law No. 2018-084  
SCHEDULE 'A'**

**OLD POST OFFICE, 110 STONE STREET SOUTH, GANANOQUE, ONTARIO**

<b>Building/Property Name:</b>	Old Post Office
<b>Address:</b>	110 Stone Street South
<b>Legal Description:</b>	Lot 14, Block O, Plan 86, East of the Gananoque River
<b>Original Use:</b>	Commercial
<b>Present Use:</b>	Commercial/Residential
<b>Date Designated:</b>	July 4, 1978
<b>Designation By-law:</b>	By-law No. 78-20
<b>Amending By-law:</b>	By-law No. 2018-084
<b>Registration:</b>	L3104782 (January 17, 2019)

**Description of the Property:**

The two-storey brick former post office with single storey rear wing is located on a rectangular lot with paved parking and greenspace at the southwest corner of the intersection of Stone Street South and Pine Street, approximately two blocks south of Gananoque's historic commercial core.

**Statement of Cultural Heritage Value or Interest:**

From its imposing massing to solidity expressed in its combined brick and stone construction, the former Post Office has design or physical value as a representative example of an institutional building rendered in the Romanesque Revival style, and for the high degree of craftsmanship required to build its semi-circular relieving arches filled with basket weave brickwork, shaped and rock-faced rusticated sills and lintels, belt or string courses, corbelling, and stone and wood finials.

As the Town's first post office (built 1887-1888), the building has historical or associative value as a community institution, but also for its direct association with Thomas Fuller, who designed the building while serving as Chief Architect of the Department of Public Works. Fuller is renowned as a prolific designer of public structures in Canada, having achieved fame in 1866 as one of the principal architects of the Parliament Building's Centre Block.

Although the Post Office ceased operating as a post office in 1914, it retains contextual value through its visual and historical links with the Town's downtown just a short distance to the west. Together with the Clock Tower at 140 Stone Street and three nearby stone churches, the Post Office also aids to define and support the institutional character of the immediate area.

**Description of Heritage Attributes**

Key attributes that express the design or physical value of the former Post Office at 110 Stone Street South include its:

- Imposing two storey massing;
- Symmetrical fenestration with balanced off-centre entrances;
- Combination of red brick and stone detailing including:
  - Tall rock-faced rusticated stone foundation with smoothed stone watertable;
  - Semi-circular relieving arches filled with basket weave brickwork and with floral carved impost and keystones;
  - Multiple stone belt or string courses, the top-most of which is carved;
  - Heavy stone lintels and sills;
  - Brick corbelling;
- Central gable with large stone finials;
- '1888' date stone on the west corner of the front façade and large 'POST OFFICE' signage stone beneath the central gable;
- Thick wood cornice with heavy modillions;
- Steep, slate-clad hip roof topped with a parapet with corner finials;
- Prominent metal hoppers and rainwater leaders on the front façade;
- Tall brick chimney; and,
- Single storey rear wing with hip roof.

Key attributes that express the property's contextual value include its:

- Location near the commercial core of Gananoque and association with other institutional buildings; and,
- Visual relationship with the Clock Tower and nearby churches.

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