

**OFFICE CONSOLIDATION
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**THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF GANANOQUE
BY-LAW NO. 78-21**

Amended by By-law No. 2018-085 dated October 16, 2018

**A BY-LAW TO DESIGNATE THE PROPERTY MUNICIPALLY KNOWN AS
CLOCK TOWER, 140 STONE STREET SOUTH AS BEING OF
ARCHITECTURAL AND HISTORICAL VALUE**

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. 2018-085)

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 Clock Tower, located at 140 Stone Street South was designated by By-law No. 78-21, 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 The Corporation of the Town of Gananoque known as The Clock tower located upon part of 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. 78-21, 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. 78-21
as amended by By-law No. 2018-085
SCHEDULE 'A'**

CLOCK TOWER, 140 STONE STREET SOUTH, GANANOQUE, ONTARIO

Building/Property Name: Clock Tower
Address: 140 Stone Street South
Legal Description: Part of Block O, Plan 86, East of the Gananoque River
Original Use: Public
Present Use: Public
Date Designated: July 4, 1978
Designation By-law: By-law No. 78-21
Amending By-law: By-law No. 2018-085
Registration: LE104783 (January 17, 2019)

Description of the Property:

The 85-foot tall red brick and wood Clock Tower is located on the west side of Stone Street South between Pine Street and Spruce Alley, south of the former Post Office at 110 Stone Street South, and north of the Gananoque River.

Statement of Cultural Heritage Value or Interest:

The Clock Tower's design or physical value lies in its rare three-stage, four-sided form, high degree of craftsmanship and technical achievement to execute the battered wall construction, and its Romanesque Revival style. Its lower stage has a double-leaf, semi-circular headed entrance with transom that is flanked by two semi-circular headed windows, while the internal staircase is lit by ascending tall windows with rock-faced rusticated lug sills placed between the lesenes or pilaster strips that terminate in semi-circular arches at the corbelled cornice. The second stage houses the clock, while the third is a belfry capped with a pagoda-style roof.

The historical or associative value of the Clock Tower is through its association with people and firms who have played an important role in the Town's history. Charles McDonald—an internationally renowned bridge engineer and descendent of one of the Town's founding families—and his wife had the Clock Tower built in 1903, retaining American architect Franklin T. Lent for its design. By then, Lent was well known for his resort and cottage commissions in the Thousand Islands, upstate New York and Eastern Ontario, as well as his several buildings in Gananoque. The contract to build the tower was awarded to local construction firm Mitchell and Wilson, a prolific builder of many large houses and cottages in the area. The Clock Tower also has historical or associative value for its connection with the Fire Department, who used the tower to dry and store its hoses.

Visually prominent and of similar height to the nearby church steeples, the Clock Tower has contextual value as a landmark and supports the historic character of its immediate surroundings, which includes the former Post Office.

Description of Heritage Attributes

Key attributes that express the design or physical value of the Clock Tower include its:

- Three-stage composition rendered in the Romanesque Revival style;
- Tall rock-faced rusticated stone foundation;
- Red brick masonry with battered wall construction and prominent;
- Prominent lesenes (pilaster strips) that terminate in semi-circular arches;
- Ascending placement of windows on the northeast and southwest tower faces;
- Double-leaf entrance with semi-circular transom;
- Semi-circular headed windows either side of the entrance; above the front door;
- Rock face rusticated lug sills;
- Corbelled brick cornice at the top of the first stage;
- Low balustrade around the clock;
- Four clock faces with Roman numerals bordered by pilasters at the second stage;
- Panelled and painted belfry (with bells still retained) at the third stage; and,
- Pagoda-style roof.

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