

**OFFICE CONSOLIDATION
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**THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF GANANOQUE
BY-LAW NO. 76-13**

Amended by By-law No. 2018-082 dated October 16, 2018

**A BY-LAW TO DESIGNATE THE PROPERTY MUNICIPALLY KNOWN AS
THE TOWN HALL, 30 KING STREET EAST, GANANOQUE, 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. 2018-082)

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 Town Hall, located at 30 King Street East was designated by By-law No. 76-13, dated July 6, 1976 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 and presently used as a Town Hall and Public Library, located upon Lot A, Plan 86, East of Gananoque river, in the Town of Gananoque, in the County of Leeds is hereby designated a property of historic and architectural value or interest.

October 16, 2018 – Amendment

1. **SCHEDULES:**
 - 1.1 That By-law No. 76-13, 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. 76-13
as amended by By-law No. 2018-082
SCHEDULE 'A'**

TOWN HALL, 30 KING ST EAST, GANANOQUE, ONTARIO

Building/Property Name:	Town Hall
Address:	30 King St East
Legal Description:	Lot A, Plan 86, East of the Gananoque River
Original Use:	Residential
Present Use:	Public Service
Date Designated:	July 6, 1976
Designation By-law:	By-law No. 1976-13
Amending By-law:	By-law No. 2018-082
Registration:	LE104785 (January 17, 2019)

Description of the Property:

A former residence, the two storey brick Gananoque Town Hall is centrally located within an urban park on the west side of King Street East in downtown Gananoque, and near the north bank of the Gananoque River. The large, irregular-shaped property includes a circular drive with central fountain, several monuments and historical plaques, a designated band shell¹, and is covered in mature trees.

Statement of Cultural Heritage Value or Interest:

The Town Hall's design or physical value is evident in its finely executed Neo-Classical massing, style, and details, including its full two-storey height, side gable roof with strong cornice, double large brick chimney stacks and parapets at the gables, its expert combination of brick and stone construction, and its symmetrical fenestration with large central entrance and porch. Its date of construction between 1831 and 1832 and combination of decorative elements also makes it a relatively early and representative example of its style.

The property's historical and associative value stems from its direct association with John McDonald, a local landowner, merchant, postmaster, and member of the Legislative Council of Canada who had the house built as a family residence. The McDonalds were early arrivals to Gananoque and are recognized as founders of the community; this prominence is reflected in the property's location on Town's main street and overlooking the Gananoque River.

Contextually, the property's heritage value is recognized through its status as a local landmark, and it defines and supports the historic character of the surrounding area, which includes many other 19th century structures. As part of a designed cultural heritage landscape, the house remains physically, functionally, and historically linked to its maintained grounds with formal circular entrance and fountain, band shell, and numerous large and mature trees.

Description of Heritage Attributes

Key attributes that express the design or physical value, and historical or associative value, of the Gananoque Town Hall and its cultural heritage landscape include its two storey, five-bay residence built in the Neo-Classical style with;

- Symmetrical fenestration;
- Wide central entrance with semi-elliptical transom, sidelights, and flat-roofed open porch with balcony;
- Red brick masonry combined with stone detailing at the lintels and sills, string or belt course, and gabled parapets;
- Large and brick double chimney stacks at both gables; and,
- Moulded wood cornice and denticulated frieze;
- Key attributes that express the property as a designed cultural heritage landscape include the:
 - Residence sited in the middle of a large estate lot;
 - Formal vehicle entrance from King Street East circling in front of the house around a decorative fountain;
 - Formal plantings, maintained lawns, and mature trees at the property lines but also distributed throughout the property;

¹ The band shell is designated under By-Law 1992-32, enabled under Part IV of the OHA.

- A number of commemorative plaques and monuments; and,
- Visual relationship with the designated band shell.

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

- Location in the centre of the Town on a main thoroughfare and on a promontory overlooking the Gananoque River; and,
- Visual relationships with other 19th century historic properties including the Old Foundry (9-15 King Street East) and Public Library (10 King Street East).

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