

TOWNSHIP OF SOUTH STORMONT

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO REPEAL By-law No. 3418

Take notice that Council hereby gives notice of their intention to repeal By-law No. 3418, being a by-law to designate the Raisin River Heritage Centre of historical value and interest.

This notice is provided pursuant to section 31 of the Ontario Heritage Act, R.S.O., c.18.

ANY OBJECTIONS MUST BE RECEIVED ON OR BEFORE February 19, 2021.

Objections can be filed in writing with the Director of Corporate Services/Clerk, Loriann Harbers at PO Box 84, Long Sault, Ontario K0C 1P0 or via email:

loriann@southstormont.ca

Description of Property

The Township of South Stormont is the owner of the Raisin River Heritage Centre, located at 17283 County Road 18, Concession 5, North Part Lot 13, Reference Plan 52R-4278, adjacent to the Andrews West Catholic School.

Construction of the facility was completed in 1909 and used as a Roman Catholic Convent and boarding school until the departure of the sisters in 1976. The Cornwall Township Historical Society (CTHS) was formed in 1977 and worked with the former Township of Cornwall to save the facility from a planned demolition. This created a partnership between the former Township and the CTHS for the use and maintenance of the facility, subsequently, the land was designated as having "historical value and interest" by way of a municipal by-law in 1978. Over the years this building has been used as a library, storage facility, and CTHS archive museum.

The Township owns approximately five feet (5') of land around the perimeter of the building that is landlocked from the roadway by the property owned by the Catholic District School Board of Eastern Ontario (CDSBEO). Access to the landlocked property is by way of a registered easement through the CDSBEO property.

Reason for Proposed Repealing and Subsequent Demolition

The facility has fallen into disrepair and is no longer safe for occupation. Council and staff have continued to investigate options for the repair future of the facility. Following the completion of a Designated Substance Report and Building Condition Assessment Report, Council moved forward with the recommendation to close the facility to the public in 2017, and subsequently completed the maintenance required to ensure the exterior of the facility did not pose any further health and safety concerns. Since this time the Township has been actively working with stakeholders, members of the public, and professional consultants in order to research all options regarding the future of the RRHC.

Unfortunately, a viable solution meeting health and safety, access and purpose has not been found. As a result, the difficult decision to demolish the facility was made at the January 13, 2021 Council meeting.

Further Information

The full report to Council and archived video of the meeting can be found on the Township's website under Agendas and Minutes or by this link:

<https://www.southstormont.ca/en/town-hall/council-meetings.aspx>

Dated this 20th day of January, 2021.