THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF TILLSONBURG

BY-LAW NO. 3852

A BY-LAW to designate a property as being of Historic and/or Architectural Value or Interest – Rolph Street Public School.

WHEREAS Pursuant to Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act, the Council of a municipality is authorized to enact by-laws to designate a real property, including all or some of the buildings and structures thereon, to be of historic and/or architectural value or interest;

AND WHEREAS the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Tillsonburg has caused to be served on the owners of the lands and premises at:

Lot 761 Plan 500; Part Lot 76, 764A Plan 500
83 Rolph Street
Town of Tillsonburg, ON

And upon the Ontario Heritage Foundation, notice of intention to designate Rolph Street Public School at 83 Rolph Street, and has caused such notice of intention to be published once in a newspaper having a general circulation in the municipality;

AND WHEREAS the reasons for designation are set out in Schedule ‘B’ attached hereto and forming part of this by-law;

THEREFORE the Council of the Town of Tillsonburg enacts as follows:

1. THAT the following real properties, more particularly described in Schedule “A” attached hereto and forming part of this by-law is hereby designated as being of historic and/or architectural value or interest:

   Rolph Street Public School
   83 Rolph Street
   Town of Tillsonburg
   County of Oxford

2. AND THAT the town solicitor is hereby authorized to cause a copy of this by-law to be registered against the properties described in Schedule ‘A’ hereto in the property Land Registry Office.

Read a First and Second Time this 14 day of October, 2014.

Read a Third and Final Time and passed this 14 day of October, 2014.

Mayor – Dave Beres

Clerk – Donna Wilson
SCHEDULE ‘A’ TO BY-LAW 3852

In the Town of Tillsonburg, County of Oxford, property description as follows:

Lot 761 Plan 500; Part Lot 763, 764A Plan 500 as in 338169
S/T 438605, A76052 ROLL # 320404004031600
83 Rolph Street
Town of Tillsonburg
County of Oxford
SCHEDULE ‘B’ TO BY-LAW 3852

REASONS FOR DESIGNATION – STATEMENT OF CULTURAL HERITAGE VALUE

Rolph Street Public School
83 Rolph Street
Circa 1913

Rolph Street public school is recommended for designation under Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act as a property of cultural heritage value or interest, as described in the following Statement of Significance.

Description of the property

Rolph Street Public School is a three-story building located at municipal address 83 Rolph Street in the Town of Tillsonburg.

Statement of Cultural Heritage Value or Interest

Rolph Street Public School has significant cultural and historically significance to the Town of Tillsonburg. Built between 1911 and 1913, the current school is on the same parcel of land that the original Rolph Street Public School which was built in 1872. Over the past 101 years, Rolph Street Public School has been home to thousands of school children, many of which still reside within the Town of Tillsonburg. The school serves as a wonderful tool to connect generations of people with shared memories and experiences.

In addition to its cultural impact to the community, the school also holds architectural importance with the Town. Being of early 19th century design, the building features bright red bricks, original dormers and window sills, original stonework with keystones above four main entrances, and the original redbrick chimneys. All of these features are exuberated by a high degree of craftsmanship.

Description of Heritage Attributes

Key attributes of Rolph Street Public School that reflect its cultural and historical value within the Town of Tillsonburg includes:

- Original red brick
- Original window openings and sills maintained
- Original foundation of the building – heavy and thick stone and concrete with a block stone covering
- Original stonework around the 4 main entrances with a keystone above the doorways and above the windows at each entrance (front and back of the school)
- Original 5 dormers on the third floor overlooking the front of the school
- Original chimney work on the roof for the hot water heating system

The interior of the building is excluded from this designation by-law.