

**THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF AMHERSTBURG**

**BY-LAW NO. 2007-30**

**Being a By-law to designate the property at 669 Front Road North  
and known as Thomas Ouellette Carriage House  
as being of architectural and cultural  
heritage value or interest**

**WHEREAS** authority was granted by Council to designate the property at 669 Front Road North and known as the Thomas Ouellette Carriage House as being of cultural heritage value or interest; and

**WHEREAS** the *Ontario Heritage Act* authorizes the Council of a municipality to enact by-laws to designate real property, including all the buildings and structures thereon, to be of cultural heritage value or interest; and

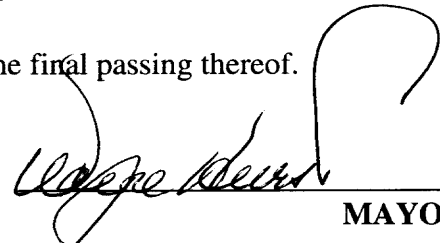
**WHEREAS** the Council of the Town of Amherstburg has caused to be served upon the owners of the land and premises known as 669 Front Road North and known as the Thomas Ouellette Carriage House and upon the Ontario Heritage Trust, Notice of Intention to designate the property and has caused the Notice of Intention to be published in a newspaper having a general circulation in the municipality as required by the *Ontario Heritage Act*; and


**WHEREAS** the reasons for designation are set out in Schedule "A" to this by-law; and

**WHEREAS** no notice of objection to the proposed designation was served upon the Clerk of the municipality;

1. The Council of the Town of Amherstburg **HEREBY ENACTS** as follows:  
The property 669 Front Road North and known as the Thomas Ouellette Carriage House, more particularly described in Schedule "A" attached to this by-law, is designated as being of cultural heritage value or interest.
2. The Town Solicitor is authorized to cause a copy of this by-law to be registered against the property described in Schedule "A" to this by-law in the proper Land Registry Office.
3. The Town Clerk is authorized to cause a copy of this by-law to be served upon the owners of the property at 669 Front Road North and known as the Thomas Ouellette Carriage House and upon the Ontario Heritage Trust and to cause notice of this by-law to be published in a newspaper having general circulation in the Town of Amherstburg as required by the *Ontario Heritage Act*.

This by-law shall come into force and effect on the day of the final passing thereof.

  
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**MAYOR**

  
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**CLERK**

1<sup>ST</sup> Reading: April 10, 2007

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: April 10, 2007

3<sup>d</sup> Reading: April 10, 2007

**SCHEDULE "A"**  
**Building Inventory Form**  
**Thomas Ouellette Carriage House – "Island View"**



Present day



Circa 1947

Description of Property:

<b>Building Name:</b>	<b>Island View Carriage House</b>
<b>Street Location:</b>	<b>669 Front Road North</b>
<b>County:</b>	<b>Essex</b>
<b>Town:</b>	<b>Town of Amherstburg</b>
<b>Builder:</b>	<b>***</b>
<b>Ownership:</b>	<b>Private</b>
<b>Original Owner:</b>	<b>Thomas Ouellette</b>
<b>Original Use</b>	<b>Private Residence</b>
<b>Present Use:</b>	<b>Private residence</b>
<b>Date of Construction:</b>	<b>1881</b>

Statement of Cultural Heritage Value or Interest:

The Thomas Ouellette Carriage House's heritage value lies in it being an example of late 1800's outbuilding / pole barn architecture with unique decorative details not often found on simple building designs of the time. Details such as large scrollwork in the steep front gables, the over-sized cupola (plans are in the works to replace this particular detail) set against the traditional board and batten wood siding. The majority of this building's exterior remains in its original form and plans are in place to continue to restore it completely. This building was constructed by the owner in 1882, from plans by xxx. These plans included a large cistern which has been uncovered by the present owners.

The homestead's cultural heritage value lies in its association with the main home at 671 Front Road North and its original owner Thomas Ouellette, a successful lumber baron from a well known Essex County family.

In addition Francis Stone, the late wife of Raymond Stone, co-owed this property from 1947 to approx. 1974. Around this time, the two buildings and the properties were legally separated and the 669 property was sold to Raymond's brother, who maintained it, until it was sold again to the present owners in 2000.

During her life, Mrs. Stone was deeply involved with a number of heritage projects in the Amherstburg area. It was the wishes of Mr. & Mrs. Stone that these homes be preserved and that subsequent owners carry on this tradition.

**Description of Heritage Attributes:**

Key exterior attributes that embody the heritage value of the carriage house include:

- The prominent siting of the house on the lot.
- The decorative wooden ornaments that set it apart from a traditional out-building
- The traditional board and batten vertical wood siding
- The post and beam construction allowing for large spans in the interior
- The high pitched main roof and over-sized gables

**Other Attributes:**

A number of efforts have been put forth by the present and past owners to maintain the home's community prominence:

- Annual participation in Doors Open Amherstburg
- Featured home in various publications and on local cable & broadcast television
- Well known and identified in the community and surrounding area in association with the main home at 671 Front Road North