## THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF AMHERSTBURG

#### **BY-LAW NO. 2007-13**

Being a By-law to designate the property at 563 Dalhousie Street and known as the Thomas Boyle House as being of architectural and cultural heritage value or interest

WHEREAS authority was granted by Council to designate the property at 563 Dalhousie Street and known as the Thomas Boyle House as being of cultural heritage value or interest; and

WHEREAS the Ontario Heritage Act authorizes the Council of a municipality to enact bylaws 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 563 Dalhousie Street and known as the Thomas Boyle 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 563 Dalhousie Street and known as the Thomas Boyle 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 563 Dalhousie Street and known as the Thomas Boyle 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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CLERK

- 1<sup>ST</sup> Reading: February 12, 2007
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: February 12, 2007
- <sup>d</sup> Reading: February 12, 2007

# SCHEDULE "A" Bylaw 2007- 13 Building Inventory Form Thomas Boyle House



# **Description of Property:**

Building Name:	Boyle-Smith House
Street Location:	563 Dalhousie Street
County:	Essex
Town:	Town of Amherstburg
Architect:	John .A. Maycock
Ownership:	Private
Original Owner:	Thomas Boyle
Original Use	Private Residence
Present Use:	Private residence
Date of Construction:	1882

## Statement of Cultural Heritage Value or Interest:

The Boyle-Smith house's heritage value lies in it being an excellent example of late 19<sup>th</sup> century Victorian Architecture in Amherstburg which remains basically in its original form. This building was designed by John A. Maycock whose Windsor practice was responsible for the design of many prominent buildings which include the former Essex Town Hall, Kingsville Public School and the Fleming Building in the City of Windsor. Mr. Maycock was renowned as one of the most skilled draughtsman in Ontario having worked on mapping for the Dominion of Canada.

Built in 1882 for Thomas Boyle, the house features arched windows, brick exterior in the stretcher bond. A prominent arch in brickwork frames the gable and fenestration on the front elevation.

The Boyle-Smith House's cultural heritage value lies in its association with sisters Grace and Edna Smith who owned the house for 67 years from 1912 to 1979. During part of that time they ran the Malden China and Woolen Shop from the wood frame accessory building which is on the property. Thomas Boyle, the original owner, was a lawyer

working in Amherstburg and lived in the dwelling until his death in 1901.

# **Description of Heritage Attributes:**

Key exterior attributes that embody the heritage value of the Boyle-Smith House include:

- Stretcher bond brickwork
- Tall arched windows formed in brick soldier courses
- Original verge board mouldings (gingerbread) remain intact at the prominent gable facing the street.
- Original chimneys with decorative brickwork remain intact.
- A stained glass transom graces the front entry doors
- A wood clapboard clad board accessory building is in the sideyard in its original form.
- Engaged brick arch at the front gable