

Bill No. 272
2016

By-law No. L.S.P.-_____

A by-law to designate 1656 Hyde Park Road to be of cultural heritage value or interest.

WHEREAS pursuant to the *Ontario Heritage Act, R.S.O. 1990, c. 0.18*, the Council of a municipality may by by-law designate a property including buildings and structures thereon to be of cultural heritage value or interest;

AND WHEREAS notice of intention to so designate the property known as 1656 Hyde Park Road has been duly published and served and no notice of objection to such designation has been received;

NOW THEREFORE the Municipal Council of The Corporation of the City of London enacts as follows:

1. The real property at 1656 Hyde Park Road, more particularly described in Schedule "A" attached hereto, is designated as being of cultural heritage value or interest for the reasons set out in Schedule "B" attached hereto.
2. The City Clerk is authorized to cause a copy of this by-law to be registered upon the title to the property described in Schedule "A" attached hereto in the proper Land Registry Office.
3. The City Clerk is authorized to cause a copy of this by-law to be served upon the owner of the aforesaid property and upon the Ontario Heritage Trust and to cause notice of this by-law to be published in the *Londoner*, and to enter the description of the aforesaid property, the name and address of its registered owner, and short reasons for its designation in the Register of all properties designated under the *Ontario Heritage Act*.
4. This by-law comes into force and effect on the day it is passed.

PASSED in Open Council on July 26, 2016.

Matt Brown
Mayor

Catharine Saunders
City Clerk

First Reading – July 26, 2016
Second Reading – July 26, 2016
Third Reading – July 26, 2016

SCHEDULE “A”
To By-law No. L.S.P.-_____

Legal Description
Plan 416, Pt Lot 14

SCHEDULE “B”
To By-law No. L.S.P.-_____

Description of Property

1656 Hyde Park Road is located at the southwest corner of Hyde Park Road and North Routledge Park.

Statement of Cultural Heritage Value or Interest

1656 Hyde Park Road is of cultural heritage value or interest because of its physical or design value, its historical or associative values, and its contextual values.

Physical/Design Values

The building located at 1656 Hyde Park Road is a two storey, brick building built in the vernacular Italianate farmhouse style circa 1880. Brick used to construct the building is likely local, as it demonstrates characteristic buff colouring and slight inconsistencies in the firing of the brick suggesting a relatively early origin. Brick is laid in a common bond pattern with radiating voussoirs above the windows. The T-plan of the building has a projecting front bay and a porch across the ground storey of the recessed bay. A shallow, hipped roof with deep eaves in a typical Italianate style covers the building and is architecturally supported by paired brackets with relief scrollwork and pendant finials. The soffit is wood.

The porch is supported by chamfered posts with capitals, which are engaged at the building. The post at the northeast corner of the porch appears to have been replaced. Pierced fret work adorns the spandrels of the porch. The original porch deck appears to have been replaced.

Two-over-two wood windows are located in segmental arched voids on the three façades of the building. Aluminum storm windows have been installed in front of the wood windows. Most of the windows have green louvered shutters, which appear to be functional but fixed. The front entry door appears to have been replaced. A wooden door is located at the south-end of the porch with a wooden screen door.

Historical/Associative Values

The property located at 1656 Hyde Park Road is associated within the Routledge family who are significant to the history and development of Hyde Park. Thomas Routledge (1763-1844) and his family arrived as “Talbot Settlers” in 1818 – the earliest organized colonial settlement in the former London Township. He received the Crown grant for the south parts Lots 25-26, Concession IV in the former London Township on June 20, 1836. His family named the district “Hyde Park.” Thomas Routledge was the first pound keeper of London Township in 1819 and served as Warden of London Township in 1820-1822, a commitment to civic duty he passed on to his children.

Robert Routledge (1824-1904), grandson of Thomas Routledge, appears to have acquired his grandfather’s property at south part Lot 25, Concession IV, in the former London Township by 1875 (perhaps after the death of Thomas Routledge in 1844). Robert Routledge had his property surveyed and subdivided, and registered a Plan of Subdivision on October 23, 1886.

Lot 14 of Registered Plan 416 was one of the lots retained by Robert Routledge, while other lots were sold. Lot 14 contains the building located at 1656 Hyde Park Road and is believed to be associated with the Routledge family. The property appears to have remained in the ownership of Robert Routledge until his death in 1904.

The Routledge family were respected members of the community, and they played a significant role in the early development of Hyde Park. Routledge Street (now North Routledge Park) was named after Hyde Park’s founding family.

Contextual Values

The property at 1656 Hyde Park Road is of contextual value because of its important role in maintaining the village character of Hyde Park as a historic settlement area. The building located at property at 1656 Hyde Park Road is historically linked to the history and development of Hyde Park. As a former farmhouse, is reflective of the rural village past of Hyde Park and is a physical link to the founding family of Hyde Park.

Heritage Attributes

Heritage attributes which support and contribute to the cultural heritage value or interest of this property include:

- Historical associations with the Routledge family, the founding family of Hyde Park, particularly Thomas Routledge and Robert Routledge;
- Form, scale, massing, and plan of the two storey, buff brick building located on the property;
- Demonstration of the vernacular Italianate farmhouse style;
- Shallow, hipped roof with deep eaves, wood soffit, and paired brackets with relief scrollwork and pendant finials;
- Porch with chamfered wooden posts with capitals, fret work in the spandrels of the porch;
- Two-over-two wooden windows in segmental arched voids on the façade with brick voussoirs;
- Wooden louvered shutters with hardware flanking the windows; and,
- Wooden door and wooden screen door on the south entry off the porch.