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**9TH REPORT OF THE
LONDON ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON HERITAGE**

Meeting held on August 17, 2011, commencing at 5:30 p.m.

PRESENT: G. Goodlet (Chair), D. Brock, C. Carrothers, J. Cushing, M. Kerr, J. O'Neil, and H. Lysynski (Secretary).

ALSO PRESENT: D. Menard.

REGRETS: D. Dudek, J. Lutman, J. Manness, J. Peters and N. Van Sas.

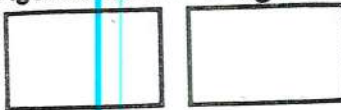
I YOUR COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS:

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| Heritage Alteration Permit Application - Wortley Wellness Centre Inc. - 119 Wortley Road | 1. (23) That, on the recommendation of the Director of Land Use Planning and City Planner, with the advice of the Heritage Planner, the Heritage Alteration Permit Application of Wortley Wellness Centre Inc. requesting permission for a portico addition and gable alterations to the designated heritage property located at 119 Wortley Road BE APPROVED ; it being noted that the Heritage Planner has reviewed the proposed alterations and has advised that the impact of such alterations on the heritage features of the property identified in the reasons for designation are appropriate for the style and age of the building; it being further noted that the London Advisory Committee on Heritage did not hear a presentation from the Property Manager for this property. |
| Heritage Alteration Permit Application - C. Mamo - 335 St. James Street | 2. (24) That, on the recommendation of the Director of Land Use Planning and City Planner, with the advice of the Heritage Planner, the Heritage Alteration Permit Application of C. Mamo requesting permission for a dormer addition to the designated heritage property located at 335 St. James Street BE APPROVED ; SUBJECT TO the applicant using hardy board for the dormer addition; it being noted that the Heritage Planner has reviewed the proposed addition and has advised that the impact of such alteration on the heritage features of the property identified in the reasons for designation is negligible. |
| Springbank Fountain - Dearness Home | 3. (27) That the Civic Administration BE REQUESTED to relocate the Springbank fountain, currently located at the Dearness Home, to an appropriate location or safely store, until an alternate appropriate location can be found, as the fountain is a significant remnant of London's history; it being noted that the London Advisory Committee on Heritage received a communication dated August 16, 2011 from S. Harding, 1462 Trafalgar Street, with respect to this matter. |
| D. Russell - 24 The Ridgeway | 4. (30) That the Director of Building Controls and Chief Building Official BE ADVISED that the London Advisory Committee on Heritage (LACH) does not support the designation of the property located at 24 The Ridgeway; it being noted that the LACH requested that all salvageable heritage aspects of the property be retained. |
| Heritage Alteration Permit Application - 2126555 Ontario Inc./ T. McGregor-Temple - 79 Ridout Street South | 5. (31) That, on the recommendation of the Director of Land Use Planning and City Planner, with the advice of the Heritage Planner, the Heritage Alteration Permit Application of 2126555 Ontario Inc. / T. McGregor-Temple requesting permission for an alteration to the designated heritage property located at 79 Ridout Street South BE APPROVED ; SUBJECT TO the replacement of the slate shingles with a material that resembles the slate roof; it being noted that the Heritage Planner has reviewed the proposed alteration and has advised that the impact of such alteration on the heritage features of the property identified in the reasons for designation is acceptable. |
| Dirt Bikes in ESA's | 6. (Add) That the Civic Administration BE ASKED to establish a policy to prohibit dirt bikes in Environmentally Significant Areas; it being noted that the London Advisory Committee on Heritage was advised by J. O'Neil that an article was published in <u>The Londoner</u> with respect to people using dirt bikes in Meadowlily Woods. |
| Sarnia Road Bridge Plaque | 7. (Add) That the Civic Administration BE ADVISED that the London Advisory Committee on Heritage has reviewed and approved, in principle, the <u>attached</u> proposed wording of the Sarnia Road Bridge. |

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II YOUR COMMITTEE REPORTS:

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| Education Sub-Committee | 8. (ii) That the London Advisory Committee on Heritage was advised by the Heritage Planner that he is in discussions with Sifton Properties Limited for the placement of the Theatre Royal plaque. |
| Stewardship Sub-Committee | 9. (iii) That the London Advisory Committee on Heritage reviewed and received the Stewardship Sub-Committee minutes from its meeting held on July 27, 2011. |
| Heritage Property Monitoring Sub-Committee | 10. (iv) That the London Advisory Committee on Heritage was advised by J. O'Neil, on behalf of the Heritage Property Monitoring Sub-Committee, that the property located at 78 Oxford Street West, one of the row of sister houses, was recently damaged by a fire. |
| Archival Sub-Committee | 11. (v) That the London Advisory Committee on Heritage was advised that the Archives Needs Assessment Report recommendations were presented at the July 20, 2011 Finance and Administration Committee meeting. |
| Environmentally Significant Areas / Natural Heritage Sub-Committee | 12. (vi) That the London Advisory Committee on Heritage was advised by J. Cushing and M. Kerr, on behalf of the Environmentally Significant Areas / Natural Heritage Sub-Committee of the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) Mr. Cushing attended an ad-hoc meeting group, whose main focus is the preservation of Medway; (b) the Friends of the Coves Sub-watershed Group was advised of the Gateway being installed at the former Ah-So Gardens site; and, (c) an Open House was held on Saturday, August 13, 2011, in Meadowlily Woods, with over 200 people in attendance. |
| Heritage Conservation District Representative | 13. (vii) That the London Advisory Committee on Heritage was advised by the Heritage Planner of the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) the draft Downtown Heritage Conservation District Guidelines are almost completed; and, (b) the Old South/Wortley Road Downtown Heritage Conservation District is considering having an open house in September. |
| Heritage London Foundation Representative | 14. (viii) That the London Advisory Committee on Heritage was advised that the 2011 Gatsby Gala was the most successful fundraising Gala to date. |
| Heritage Planner's Report | 15. That the London Advisory Committee on Heritage was advised of the following, related to the property located at 759 Elizabeth Street, by the Heritage Planner: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) H. Bates-Neary has not discovered conclusive evidence of when the structure at the above-noted address was built; (b) the original 100 acre parcel of land was provided to the original owners in 1818; (c) a building was installed on the lot in the 1850's or 1860's. |
| Hidden History of Hamilton Road | 16. (28) That, in consideration of the communication, dated August 16, 2011, from S. Harding, 1462 Trafalgar Street, the London Advisory Committee on Heritage (LACH) approved the expenditure of \$250.00 from its 2011 Budget for the "East of Egerton", Hidden History of Hamilton Road presentation to be held on September 15, 2011; it being noted that the LACH has sufficient funds in its 2011 Budget for this expenditure; it being further noted that the LACH requested acknowledgement that it is a supporter of this event; it being also noted that the Urban League be advised that this event is being undertaken and supported by the LACH. |



13 – 15 York Street

17. (18,29) That the London Advisory Committee on Heritage received a Municipal Council resolution adopted at its meeting held on July 25, 2011 and a communication, dated August 14, 2011, from T. Vajdik, by e-mail, with respect to the potential designation of the properties located at 11 York Street. The LACH referred the communication from Mr. Vajdik to the Civic Administration for its consideration.

18. That the London Advisory Committee on Heritage received and noted the following:

8th Report of the LACH

(a) (1) the 8th Report of the London Advisory Committee on Heritage from its meeting held on July 13, 2011;

Dr. E. D. Armogan – 550 Kingsway Avenue and 572 Wonderland Road North

(b) (2) a Notice, dated August 4, 2011, from B. Debbert, Senior Planner, with respect to an application submitted by Dr. E. D. Armogan relating to the properties located at 550 Kingsway Avenue and 572 Wonderland Road North;

Cedar Auto of London Limited – 2170 Wharncliffe Road South

(c) (3) a Notice, dated July 25, 2011, from M. Hefferton, Planner II, with respect to an application submitted by Cedar Auto of London Limited relating to the property located at 2170 Wharncliffe Road South;

Cedar Hollow Development Limited – 1671 Fanshawe Park Road East

(d) (4) a Notice, dated July 26, 2011, from N. Pasato, Senior Planner, with respect to an application submitted by Cedar Hollow Development Limited relating to a portion of the property located at 1671 Fanshawe Park Road East;

2271075 Ontario Limited – 73, 77, 81, 91 Southdale Road East, 3021 and 3033 White Oak Road

(e) (5) a Notice, dated July 20, 2011, from C. Smith, Planner II, with respect to an application submitted by 2271075 Ontario Limited relating to the properties located at 73, 77, 81 and 91 Southdale Road East, 3021 and 3033 White Oak Road;

1209571 Ontario Limited – 519 York Street

(f) (6) a Notice, dated July 15, 2011, from N. Musicco, Planner, with respect to an application submitted by 1209571 Ontario Limited relating to the property located at 519 York Street;

City of London – 310, 318, 322 and 330 Wellington Road

(g) (7) a Notice, dated July 14, 2011, from A. Riley, Planner II, with respect to an application submitted by the City of London relating to the properties located at 310, 318, 322 and 330 Wellington Road;

Drewlo Holdings Inc – 1522 Kilally Road

(h) (8) a Notice, dated July 21, 2011, from N. Pasato, Senior Planner, with respect to an application submitted by Drewlo Holdings Inc. relating to the property located at 1522 Kilally Road;

BFI Canada Inc – 441 Industrial Road

(i) (9) a Notice, dated July 20, 2011, from C. Smith, Planner, with respect to an application submitted by BFI Canada Inc. relating to the property located at 441 Industrial Road;

City of London – 2430 Bradley Avenue

(j) (10) a Notice, dated July 29, 2011, from L. Mottram, Senior Planner, with respect to an application submitted by the City of London relating to the property located at 2430 Bradley Avenue;

Zelinka Priamo Limited – 2310, 2330, 2350 and 2362 Dundas Street

(k) (11) a Notice, dated June 10, 2011, from N. Musicco, Planner, with respect to an application submitted by Zelinka Priamo Limited relating to the properties located at 2310, 2330, 2350 and 2362 Dundas Street;

Riverside United Church – 675 Riverside Drive

(l) (12) a Notice, dated August 5, 2011, from N. Musicco, Planner, with respect to an application submitted by Riverside United Church relating to the property located at 675 Riverside Drive;

Heritage Designation – 84 Commissioners Road East

(m) (13) a Municipal Council resolution adopted at its meeting held on July 25, 2011 with respect to the designation of the property located at 84 Commissioners Road East;

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- A. Foulon – 867 Hellmuth Avenue (n) (14) a Municipal Council resolution adopted at its meeting held on July 25, 2011 with respect to the Heritage Alteration Permit application of A. Foulon relating to the property located at 867 Hellmuth Avenue;
- Hamilton Road Area Plaques (o) (15) a Municipal Council resolution adopted at its meeting held on July 25, 2011 with respect to the preparation of plaques for the Hamilton Road area;
- Revised Proposed Governance Structure (p) (16) a Municipal Council resolution adopted at its meeting held on July 25, 2011 with respect to the revised proposed governance structure;
- N. Heitzman – 869 Hellmuth Avenue (q) (17) a Municipal Council resolution adopted at its meeting held on July 25, 2011 with respect to the Heritage Alteration Permit application of N. Heitzman relating to the property located at 869 Hellmuth Avenue;
- D. McFadden and P. Abrantes – 497-499 Central Avenue (r) (19) a Municipal Council resolution adopted at its meeting held on July 25, 2011 with respect to the Heritage Alteration Permit application of D. McFadden and P. Abrantes relating to the properties located at 497-499 Central Avenue;
- Fairmont Lawn Bowling Club (s) (20) a Municipal Council resolution adopted at its meeting held on July 25, 2011 with respect to the possible continued use of the Fairmont Lawn Bowling Club at the London Psychiatric Hospital Lands;
- 2012 Mayor's New Year's Honour List (t) (21) a communication, dated June 29, 2011, from the City Clerk with respect to the 2012 Mayor's New Year's Honour List;
- Black History (u) (22) a communication from M. Hunter, by e-mail, with respect to Black History;
- Heritage Conservation District Study - Phase 2 (v) (25) a communication from K. Jonas, Project Coordinator, Heritage Conservation District Study, Heritage Resources Centre – University of Waterloo, with respect to Phase 2 of the Heritage Conservation District Study; and,
- Heritage Places of Worship - Guide (w) (32) a communication, dated August 15, 2011, from the Honourable M. Chan, Minister of Tourism and Culture, with respect to *Heritage Places of Worship: A Guide to Conserving Heritage Places of Worship in Ontario Communities*.
- Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest – J. O'Neil 19. That J. O'Neil disclosed a pecuniary interest in clause 18(f) of this Report having to do with an application submitted by 1209571 Ontario Limited relating to the property located at 519 York Street by indicating that he lives in the neighbourhood.
- Confidential 20. That the London Advisory Committee on Heritage (LACH) passed the following resolution prior to moving in camera from 7:48 p.m. to 7:56 p.m.:

"That the London Advisory Committee on Heritage move in camera to consider a matter pertaining to personal matters about identifiable individuals, including municipal or local board employees, relating to the 2011 Mayor's New Year's Honour List." (See Confidential Appendix to the 7th Report of the London Advisory Committee on Heritage.)

III MATTERS REFERRED TO SUB-COMMITTEES:

- Proposed HCD – North Petersville 21. (26) That the London Advisory Committee on Heritage (LACH) received a communication dated August 10, 2011 from J. Corcoran, Executive Coordinator, BIGS Community Association, with respect to the request for the potential designation of the area bounded by Gunn, Irwin, Saunby and Beaufort Streets as a Heritage Conservation District (HCD). The LACH referred this matter to its Stewardship Sub-Committee for further consideration.
- Glanworth Public Library 22. That the London Advisory Committee on Heritage (LACH) received the attached presentation from V. White, 3739 Harry White Drive and M. Weldon, 301-110 Cherryhill Circle, with respect to her request to save the Glanworth Public Library. The LACH asked its Stewardship Sub-Committee to determine the feasibility of preparing a Statement of Significance for this property.

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Slate Roofs –
Statements of
Significance

23. (Add) That the London Advisory Committee on Heritage (LACH) requested that its Stewardship Sub-Committee take into consideration the inclusion of slate roofs in Statements of Significance as slate roofs are expensive to replace and there are more economical solutions that are similar in design available to property owners.

Next Meeting

24. That the London Advisory Committee on Heritage will hold its next meeting on September 14, 2011.

The meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

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Sarnia Road Bridge Plaque - Proposed Wording

Serving a largely rural area, previous bridges have spanned railway lines near this site. Little is known, other than the location, of the first bridge, the second was erected in 1909 by the Canadian Bridge Company of Walkerville, to span the main line of the Canadian Pacific Railway. The second bridge was architecturally and historically significant. It was constructed as a steel, single span, pin-connected, through truss design known as Pratt truss with some modifications. Although this style was relatively common prior to World War I, only one other bridge in this style still existing in London today, the King Street bridge.

Historically, the bridge was notable in that it had originally been erected as a rail bridge in 1885, at a site in Manitoba. It was relocated to London and modified as a two-lane roadway. In later years, the volume of traffic increased such that a single lane, alternating, traffic pattern developed.

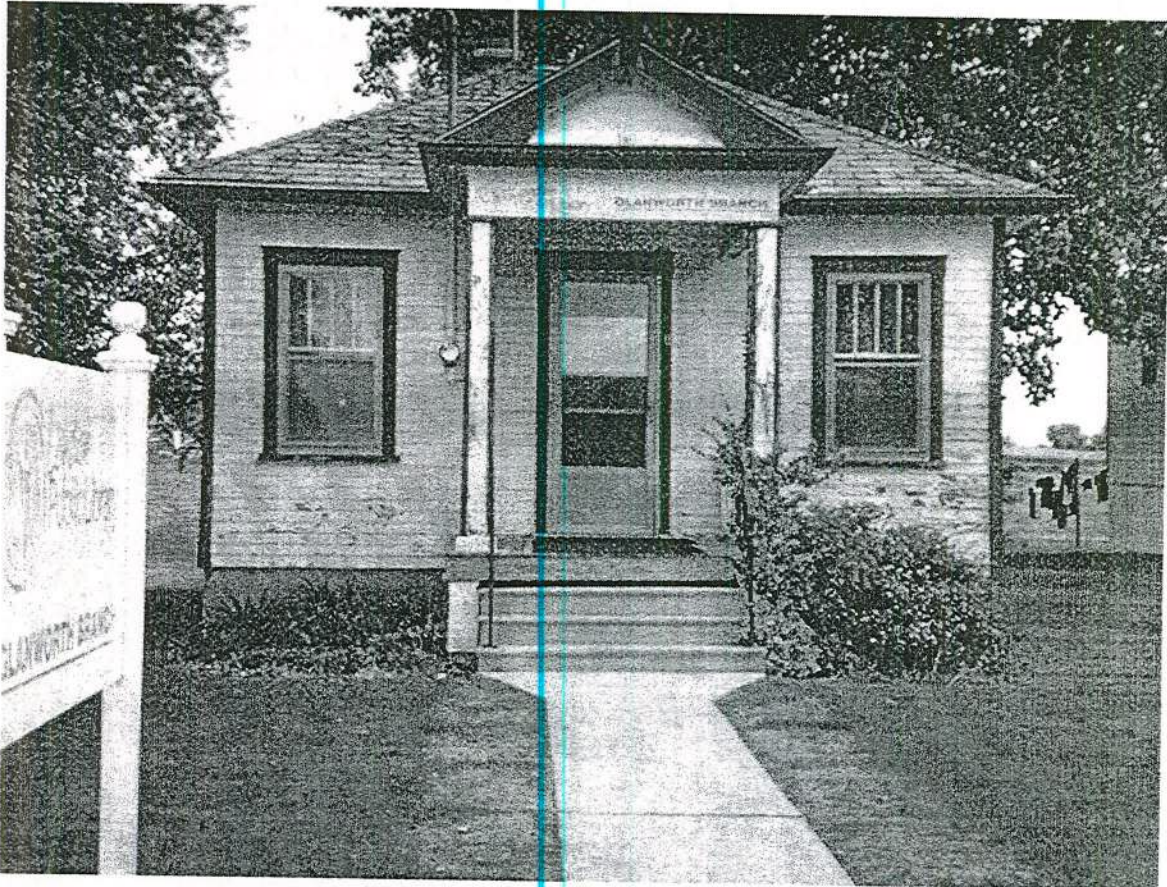
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THE GLANWORTH COMMUNITY LIBRARY BUILDING

2950 GLANWORTH DRIVE
LONDON, ONTARIO

A PRESENTATION TO THE LONDON ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON HERITAGE
AUGUST 17, 2011

Victoria White
Marian Weldon



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BACKGROUND HISTORY

There has been a library in the hamlet of Glanworth since the summer of 1912. Glanworth itself is an old village with a long history, with some of the earliest public structures dating from the 1840s and 1850s. Originally known as Sweeney's Corners, it was renamed in 1857 after the town of Glanworth in County Cork, Ireland.

A declaration for the purpose of founding a Public Library Association in Glanworth was filed in the Registry Office in London on July 28th of 1912. It is important to note that all of the residents of Glanworth were keen to have a library in their community, and the signatures on that declaration tell a history of their own, as these are the surnames of some of the founding families of the area—Fisher, Tremaine, Simpson, Dawson, Shore and Munro. And although her name does not appear on this declaration, Mary Anne Glenn White “promoted the importance of reading and was instrumental in the beginning of a lending Library in Glanworth,” according to Marguerite Murray's *Century Farms of Westminster Township*, Vol. II. Amy, as she was affectionately known, was an avid reader. She is my great-great-grandmother.

Those first books, however, were not dispensed from the present building, but from some of the shelves at the back of Tremaine's general store, which was located on the southeast corner of the main intersection. And in true community spirit, so typical of rural and small town residents, Mr. Tremaine agreed to keep track of the books.

But the citizens of Glanworth were enterprising and dedicated indeed, and by 1920 they had purchased the lot on which the current library stands and set up a building fund. An energetic group of volunteers canvassed the area and raised the monies needed in order to build their community library, where it stands today.

Records show that on November 1, 1923, Mr. Alec Simpson was paid in full, the then lofty sum of \$975.00, for building the new library. The first board meeting was held in the new premises on January 8, 1924.

Due to the efforts of Mrs. Grace Shore, Glanworth became a free public library in 1946. Many years later, it joined the Middlesex County Library system, becoming one of its 26 libraries.

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After the annexation of the Glanworth area by the municipality of London in 1992/1993, library operations were taken over by the London Public Library system (LPL).

THE STRUCTURE

The structure in question is located on the parcel 2950 Glanworth Drive. Legal description: CON 7 PT LOT 15. The structure is 340 ft² (29.7m²). It is a single storey structure located on a 0.25 acre site. It is a raised wood frame cottage style building with a hipped wood frame roof, built on a concrete foundation with a crawl space.

According to the Inventory of Heritage document, the structure dates from 1875. Of course, as you can see, there seems to be a discrepancy between the date of construction as indicated in the history compiled by the Westminster Township Historical Society and the date recorded in this document. This is something that needs to be verified. Was there perhaps a pre-existing structure on the lot owned by Mr. Robert Fisher when it was purchased in 1920? There is no mention of a building in the historical account, only the reference to the lot.

So, clearly, this is a gray area that could be investigated. Regardless, the building certainly was in existence in 1923 and has been used, without interruption, as a public building, specifically a lending library, ever since. While that does not make it one of the oldest properties in London, arguably there is a case for special consideration, both as a cherished place in a community's history and as an example of an early 20th century structure still in use today. Even the LPL recognizes that it is "a branch unique to the system."

Furthermore, according to this same document, it has been classified as a Priority 2 structure. However, it was never officially designated as such. Priority 2 structures "have significant architectural and/or historical value and may be worthy of protection by whatever incentives may be provided through zoning consideration, bonusing or financial advantages."

An architectural firm hired by the London Public Library to make a repair/renovation assessment took note of this fact in their report to the Board. They positively reported that repairs and renovations are all feasible; in fact, any

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renovations to bring the building up to code and to add a barrier-free facility could be done without harming the historic character of the structure and changing the size/appearance of the front entry.

CURRENT STATE AND STATUS OF THE STRUCTURE

As alluded to in the previous paragraph, the building has been allowed to lapse into disrepair. Sadly, any photos of the building now taken show a building that has seen better days and looks a little worse for wear. This is unfortunate, given its history and its current popularity in the village, not only as a library but also as a community hub.

The building, we must presume, due to the annexation process, is owned by the city and/or the London Library. Discussion of the library's cost to repair has been on the Board's agenda for some time. On August 11, 2011, after the architects delivered their report and their figures, the Board voted to close the library, and they have expressed their wish to see this matter finalized before the end of the year. In other words, they want to dispense of the "asset" as quickly as possible.

There was no consideration given to the heritage aspect of the building, so no alternatives to closure were put forth for discussion.

A CASE FOR DESIGNATION AND HERITAGE PROTECTION

This library building is a living example of Glanworth's a proud pioneer spirit, a building that stands as a testament to the hard work, enthusiasm and dedication of our forefathers and foremothers, who were keen to ensure that books and learning be an integral part of community. It would be a shame to let this structure disappear. We believe that this would be a tremendous loss, not only for the village of Glanworth but for the rest of London as well.

First, the library might very well be one of the oldest continually operating libraries in the system. A cursory glance at the Library's website indicates that Carson was established in 1915. While I realize that a lending library of some nature may have existed prior to Carson, the fact that Glanworth's has been operating since 1912 does make it one of the oldest, because despite the fact that it has not always operated from this location, library service *has been offered*

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without interruption in this community since 1912, adding another layer of history to the structure itself.

Certainly this structure is a landmark. For London, it could be another historical landmark in its already fine inventory, one that could draw weekend visitors and tourists, as it is located on a very well-travelled artery that leads south to the beach communities of Lake Erie and north to the 401 and parts beyond. Appropriate heritage signage and highway information posted, as we see across Ontario, would draw attention to the site, and the roadways at either entrance to the village offer easy access from the Wellington regardless of the traveller's direction.

It might very well be one of the smallest libraries in our country. At a mere 340 ft², there is a good possibility, adding to the potential tourist draw. Certainly it must be *one* of the smallest, as the Cardigan Branch in PEI claims smallest status in Canada, and one on Birch Island is purported to be Ontario's smallest at 6ft by 8ft, although it is far from the oldest. That is something it cannot claim, having been recently constructed in someone's backyard by a group of neighbours in 2003.

One could reasonably say then that the Glanworth Public Library is most likely one of the oldest and smallest continually operating rural libraries still in use as a public library in Ontario, possibly Canada, today.

In sum, we feel compelled to seek heritage recognition of some nature, in consideration of its historical value, in honour and respect of its longevity of service to the community, and in acknowledgment of the cherished place it holds in the hearts of this community. Whether that is a Priority 2 designation as your inventory indicates, or another category, we cannot stress enough that the structure at 2950 Glanworth Drive is worthy of a heritage acknowledgment on the part of the city of London, and the province of Ontario, as an existing example of our rural past.

This quaint one-room building, however dilapidated it may appear now, could be lovingly restored with the proper paints, the necessary repairs to the foundation, and, of course, some intelligently designed renovations that would bring it up to code, if indeed that is what must be done, failing exemptions or other special status.

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We thank you for allowing us to present our case to the London Advisory Committee on Heritage, and we respectfully remind one and all of the urgency of the matter in view of the announcement of closure, which is distressing the community considerably.

Victoria White
Marian Weldon

Appendix 1: History of the Glanworth Public Library, courtesy of the Westminster Township Historical Society.

Note: Any LPL-related documents referred to in this presentation can be viewed on the LPL website under Administration: Reports, Minutes and Agendas.