

Bill No. 146  
2013

By-law No. L.S.P.-\_\_\_\_\_

A by-law to designate 2950 Glanworth Drive to be of historical and contextual 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 historic and contextual value or interest;

AND WHEREAS notice of intention to so designate the property known as 2950 Glanworth Drive has been duly published and served and no notice of objection to such designation has been received;

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

1. There is designated as being of historical and contextual value or interest, the real property at the 2950 Glanworth Drive, more particularly described in Schedule "A" hereto, for the reasons set out in Schedule "B" 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" 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 Foundation 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 on the day it is passed.

PASSED in Open Council on March 26, 2013.

Joe Fontana  
Mayor

Catharine Saunders  
City Clerk

First Reading - March 26, 2013  
Second Reading – March 26, 2013  
Third Reading - March 26, 2013

**SCHEDULE "A"**  
**To By-law No. L.S.P.- \_\_\_\_\_**

Part of Lot 15 in Concession 7 of the geographic Township of Westminster in the City of London and County of Middlesex as in Instrument 248723.

**SCHEDULE "B"**  
**To By-law No. L.S.P.- \_\_\_\_\_**

Reasons for Designation

**Glanworth Branch London Public Library**  
**2950 Glanworth Drive**

Description of Property

The Glanworth Branch of the London Public Library is a small, one story, wood frame structure located at 2950 Glanworth Drive, Concession 7, Pt. Lot 15, in the village of Glanworth annexed by the City of London in 1993.

Statement of Cultural Heritage Interest

The Glanworth Branch, London Public Library, is a property of cultural heritage interest and value mainly for its historical association with the village of Glanworth.

Originally called Sweeney's Corners, the settlement was renamed Glanworth in 1857 after Glanworth in County Cork, Ireland. Many of the residents in Glanworth, keen on having a library in their village, signed a declaration, filed at the Registry Office in London on July 28, 1912, for the purpose of founding a Public Library Association. Previous to this date, Tremaine's General Store had provided space for a library.

By 1920 a group of Glanworth citizens had purchased the lot on which the current library stands and set up a building fund. With the monies collected, the library building was constructed in 1923 for a sum of \$975.00. The contractor was Alec Simpson, a local barn builder. The first board meeting was held in the new premises on January 8, 1924. Initially, the library offered a fee-based lending service until becoming a free public library in 1946. With the formation of the Middlesex County Library system in 1963, Glanworth became one of 16 branch libraries. Then, with the annexation of Westminster Township, including Glanworth, in 1963, the Glanworth library became part of the larger London Public Library system as its smallest branch in terms of size and numbers of patrons. Significantly, library services have been offered without interruption from this same site since 1924. At 340 sq. ft., the building is one of the smallest, continually operating, rural libraries in Ontario, if not in all of Canada, still in use. The library's size is demonstrated by the larger scale of the surrounding, mostly residential, structures in the village. Glanworth residents regard it as the last remaining space where villagers can gather.

Description of Heritage Attributes

All of the heritage attributes of the Glanworth Branch, London Public Library, are expressions of the Ontario Cottage vernacular. Those worth of retention are:

- Shallow hipped roof
- Front gable above an oversize porch with rectangular corner boards on posts topped by a flat wooden cap
- Horizontally laid wood tongue-and-groove siding with corner boards
- Double hung windows with vertical mullions in the upper part on the front and both side elevations