

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF SEGUIN

BY-LAW NO. 2024-125

**Being a By-law to Designate a Property to be of Cultural Heritage
Value or Interest and to repeal By-law No. 2024-088
(2 Victoria Street West "Rosseau Memorial Hall")**

WHEREAS under subsection 29(1) of the Ontario Heritage Act, R.S.O. 1990, c. 0.18, as amended, the council of a municipality may, by by-law, designate a property within the municipality to be of cultural heritage value or interest;

AND WHEREAS on September 3, 2024 the Council of The Corporation of the Township of Seguin (the "Township") passed by-law 2024-088 to designate the Rosseau Memorial Hall to be of cultural heritage value or interest;

AND WHEREAS the Township Clerk had previously caused notice of the intention to designate the Property to be served on the owner of the Property and the Ontario Heritage Trust and published on the Township's website;

AND WHEREAS there were no objections to the proposed designation of the Property served on the Township;

AND WHEREAS By-law 2024-088 included a full copy of the background report supporting the designation and the inclusion of such report would preclude registration of the By-law;

AND WHEREAS the Council of The Corporation of the Township of Seguin deems it necessary and expedient to repeal By-law 2024-088 and to re-enact a by-law to designate the Property to be of cultural heritage value or interest;

NOW THEREFORE the Council of The Corporation of the Township of Seguin hereby enacts as follows:

1. **THAT** By-law 2024-088 is hereby repealed.
2. **That** the Property, as described in the attached Schedule "A", be and is hereby designated to be of cultural heritage value or interest.
3. **THAT** a statement explaining the cultural heritage value or interest of the Property and a description of the heritage attributes of the Property is further set out in the attached Schedule "A".
4. **THAT** the Township Clerk shall serve a copy of this by-law on the owner of the Property and the Ontario Heritage Trust and publish notice of this by-law on the Township's website.
5. **THAT** the Township Solicitor shall register against the Property in the proper Land Registry Office, a copy of this by-law.

READ a FIRST, SECOND and THIRD TIME, PASSED and ENACTED this 2nd day of December, 2024.



Ann MacDiarmid
Ann MacDiarmid,
Mayor

Craig Jeffery
Craig Jeffery,
Clerk

Schedule “A” to Township of Seguin By-law No. 2024-125

Description of the Property

The Rosseau Memorial Community Hall is a 1-storey hall, with a basement walk-out on the east side, built in 1924, located on the north side of Victoria Street West in the town of Rosseau.

Legal Description

Part of Lot 18, W/S of Parry Sound Road and Part of Lot 19, W/S of Parry Sound Road, PL 163 described in PIN 52199-0513, known municipally as 2 Victoria Street West, Rosseau, ON.

Statement of Cultural Heritage Value or Interest

The Rosseau Memorial Community Hall is valued as a unique and representative example of an Arts-and-Crafts-style community hall constructed from fieldstone, with unique Nordic architectural influences. This is expressed through the hall's deep gable eaves, pointed-arch windows, and gable dormers on the south and north elevations typical of the Arts and Crafts style; and its exaggerated roofscape, and the Dutch or Germanic Jerkinhead roof profile on the east and west elevations influenced by Nordic architecture. The property is distinguished by its high-quality fieldstone masonry construction, executed with a high degree of craftsmanship using the German construction technique of naturally-shaped masonry.

Built and financed by local residents and cottagers in 1924 and stewarded by the community since this time, the Hall is significant to the community of Rosseau as the centre of social, communal and civic life in the town for the past 100 years. In many ways, the Hall is a physical manifestation and symbol of the local

community's engagement, identity, and pride. The Hall's plaque commemorating the local soldiers who served in the First and Second World War, as well as the three cornerstones, yield information that contributes to an understanding of the town's history and its residents during the early 20th century.

The Rosseau Memorial Community Hall is also valued for its contribution to the late-19th and early-20th-century village character of Rosseau. As a fieldstone building, the Hall is a unique and defining structure in this context, and serves as a local landmark in the community. Together with the nearby Rosseau General Store, original Township Hall, and the Church of the Redeemer, the Hall is part of a hub of civic, ecclesiastical, and commercial buildings at the centre of Rosseau developed during the late-19th and early-20th centuries.

Heritage Attributes

Key attributes that express the value of the Rosseau Memorial Community Hall as a unique and representative example of a fieldstone Arts and Crafts style community hall building, with Nordic/Germanic architectural influences:

- Scale, form, and massing of the one-storey hall, with its rectangular plan, basement accessed at grade from the east elevation, and gable roof with dormers on the north and south elevations, and the Jerkinhead roof profile on the east and west elevations.
- Composition of the facades, which are organized vertically by stone piers, and feature tripartite segmental and pointed arch window openings, and double entrance on the south elevation accessed by stone-walled steps and porticos.
- Fieldstone materials, including naturally-shaped fieldstone set in dark mortar, stone piers, cut stone window lintels, rusticated stone window sills, stone chimney, medallions and carved cornerstone and datestone.

- Wood windows, including four-over-four and six-over-six single-hung sash windows.
- Large open reception space with a stage and arched/ decorated proscenium in the interior.

Key attributes that demonstrate the property's high degree of craftsmanship:

- Fieldstone masonry, including naturally-shaped fieldstone set in dark mortar, stone piers, cut stone window lintels, rusticated stone window sills, stone chimney, stone medallions and carved cornerstone and datestone.

Key attributes that express the property's direct association with and significance to the community of Rosseau:

- Large open reception space with a stage and arched/ decorated proscenium in the interior.

Key attributes that yield information that contributes to a greater understanding of the community's history:

- The plaque dedicated to the local soldiers that served in First and Second World Wars, and the corner stones which list the names of the builder and committee members that constructed the building.

Key attributes that express the value of the Rosseau Memorial Community Hall in defining, maintaining, and supporting the late 19th and early 20th century character of Rosseau:

- Fieldstone masonry.
- Location proximate to the original Township Hall, the Rosseau General Store, and the Church of the Redeemer.

Key attributes that contribute to the value of the property as visually and historically linked to its surroundings:

- Location proximate to the original Township Hall, the Rosseau General Store, and the Church of the Redeemer.

Key attributes that express the value of the Rosseau Memorial Community Hall as a local landmark in Rosseau:

- Scale, form, and massing of the one-storey hall, with its rectangular plan, basement accessed at grade from the east elevation, and gable roof with dormers on the north and south elevations, and the Jerkinhead roof profile on the east and west elevations.
- Fieldstone masonry.