

Township of Tay

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154 William Street – Victoria Harbour

Victoria Harbour Hardware

Roll Number:	4353 060 002 15000
Legal Desc:	PLAN 201 PT BLK B & PART; RAILWAY LANDS RP 51R8607 PT; OF PART 1
Built:	1902
Designated:	1982 By-law 87-1982
Current Owner:	Pressley Investments Ltd.
Owner Address:	154 William Street, Victoria Harbour, ON
Original Use:	Victoria Harbour Lumber Co. Store
Current Use:	Retail Store / Café



Photo of the "Company Store" and staff.



Photo of the building as it stands today.

Historical Significance

The building was built by the Victoria Harbour Lumber Company to supply workers in the mills and their families with food and supplies. It came to be known as the "Company Store". By operating the store themselves, the Victoria Harbour Lumber Company was able to give credit to their workers during the off season, supplying the community with goods when the mills were closed for winter. In 1903 it was deeded to the Victoria Mercantile Company which continued to operate the building as a general store until it was purchased in 1928 to be turned into "Petroff's Garage and Service Station." The building was sold again in 1944 to be operated as a hardware store. Please refer to [Designation By-law No. 87-1982](#) for further cultural heritage value information.

Architectural Features

The exterior of the building remains largely unchanged, despite the building's age. The building maintains its original paint scheme, in the same yellow and white it was painted by the Victoria Harbour Lumber Company. The building is highly decorative with arches adorning the windows and scrollwork displayed throughout the building's façade. The intricate scrollwork, arches, and overall design of the building give it an elegant appearance, which one would expect having been built by the Victoria Harbour Lumber Company.

152 William Street – Victoria Harbour

Old Victoria Harbour Library / Municipal Office

Roll Number:	4353 060 001 17600
Legal Desc:	PLAN 201 PT RAILWAY LAND RP; 51R27115 PART 1 & 2
Built:	1914-1916
Designated:	1982 By-law 86-1982
Current Owner:	Makk Design Inc.
Owner Address:	152 William Street, Victoria Harbour, ON
Original Use:	Victoria Harbour Public Library / Municipal Office
Current Use:	Commercial Business



Photo of the “Victoria Harbour Public Library.” (c.1915)



Photo of the building as it stands today.

Historical Significance

The library was said to have been promised to the villagers of Victoria Harbour by Mr. John Waldie, owner of the Victoria Harbour Lumber Company. As the story goes, Mr. Waldie promised to build a library for the community, if they in turn voted for prohibition in the village. After prohibition passed, as promised Waldie began construction on the library in 1914, completing the building in 1916 and deeding the land to the Corporation of the Village of Victoria Harbour by 1933. The building served the community as a library until 1927, when the last Victoria Harbour Lumber Company mill closed, and the company left the village. Since then, it has served as the municipal, a pharmacy, a photography studio, a private residence, a real estate office, and is currently being used to house a commercial business. Please refer to [Designation By-law No. 86-1982](#) for further cultural heritage value information.

Architectural Features

The building sits on its original high stone foundation, at its original location. The style is reminiscent of the English renaissance revival and crafted from pine and cedar. The front door has been replaced and the stairs have been removed, however the decorative transom windows and woodwork remain in place. The original paint scheme also remains.

1831 Rumney Road – Rural Tay

Rumney House

Roll Number:	4353 040 004 15900
Legal Desc:	CON 5 W PT LOT 7
Built:	1890
Designated:	2003 By-law 2003-64
Current Owner:	Joel Harry Rumney
Owner Address:	1831 Rumney Road, Township of Tay, ON
Original Use:	Dwelling
Current Use:	Dwelling / Business



Photo of the dwelling as it stands today.



Photo of the Barns as they stand today.

Historical Significance

This home is one of three century farms in Tay Township, having remained in the Rumney family since the land was purchased by Matthew Rumney in 1888. Matthew and his family moved to Canada in 1880, originally settling in Victoria Harbour. Though Matthew did not gain title to the land until 1888, he and his family began cultivating the land in 1880 while living in a log cabin down the road. Slowly the family cleared 400 acres of land, building two barns along with the homestead.

One of the original barns was destroyed by fire in 1976, but the other still remains and is still in use today. Today, a veterinary clinic is owned and operated by Dr. Joel Rumney and his family on the property. Please refer to [Designation By-law No. 2003-64](#) for further cultural heritage value information.

Architectural Features

The first of two barns was built on this property in 1882, followed by a second in 1888. The original barn had no foundation until 1898 when it was raised, and foundation was constructed beneath it. The farmhouse on the property was built in 1890, which was modernized in 1989-1990, however the owners were careful to maintain the original interior as much as possible.

17039 County Road 27 – Waverley

Waverley United Church

Roll Number:	4353 020 002 29300
Legal Desc:	CON 1 OS PT LOT 75
Built:	1867-1868
Designated:	2001 By-law 2001-18
Current Owner:	United Church of Canada
Owner Address:	32 Bloor St. W, Suite 200, Toronto, ON
Original Use:	Church
Current Use:	Church



Photo of the church as it stands today.



Photo of the addition added in 1956.

Historical Significance

The history of the congregation can be traced back as early as 1859 when services were held in a small log cabin near to the present location of the church. Waverley, or French's Corners as it was known then, was part of an early Methodist church circuit centering in Penetanguishene and reaching as far as Orr Lake and Hobart. The church offered Methodist services to about 27 members and 16 families in 1886 comprising the highest attendance on record. In June 1925, the congregation became part of the United Church of Canada and remains as such today. There has been continuous ministry at this church since 1868 as services continue today. Please refer to [Designation By-law No. 2001-18](#) for further cultural heritage value information.

Architectural Features

Construction began on the building in 1867 and was completed in 1868. Little change has been made to the design of the interior since construction; however, the interior was redecorated in September of 1944. In October of 1954 the original windows were replaced with more modern windows in the same openings. The addition attached to the southeast side of the church was built in 1956 and dedicated on October 21st of that year. The tower at the front of the church, which replaced the original porch, was erected in the summer of 1961, and was dedicated on June 11th of that year.

6462 Highway 93 – Waverley

Old Waverley School

Roll Number:	4353 020 002 29200
Legal Desc:	CON 1 OS PT LOT 75
Built:	1926
Designated:	2018 By-law 2018-44
Current Owner:	Barbara Ann Chidiac
Owner Address:	6462 Highway 93 Waverley, ON
Original Use:	Schoolhouse
Current Use:	Animal Hospital



Early photo of the schoolhouse.



Photo of the building as it stands today.

Historical Significance

The schoolhouse was built in 1926 to serve the four townships of S.S. #3 Flos, S.S. #4 Tiny, S.S. #4 Tay and S.S. #9 Medonte. However, the land was purchased in 1891 by the Township of Flos, who maintained it. It was a three-room schoolhouse which was just beginning to become popular in the early 1900's. Many pupils attended the school from Waverley and the surrounding farms. There were approximately 15 teachers between 1926 and the school closing in the late 1960s. When the school closed, the pupils were dispersed to Elmvale, Wyevale, Wyebridge and Victoria Harbour. The building has since served as a craft shop and an animal hospital. Please refer to [Designation By-law No. 2018-44](#) for further cultural heritage value information.

Architectural Features

The old schoolhouse exterior is very similar to what it was when it was originally built in 1926. The foundation is poured concrete. The bell tower has been well maintained to keep its original appearance. The bell however, is no longer in the tower. The roofing has been replaced with new asphalt shingles.

200 Cherry Street - Waubaushene

Woodland Rest

Roll Number:	4353 040 006 50100
Legal Desc:	CON 11 PLAN 248 LOT N PT; LOT 39
Built:	1915
Designated:	2016 By-law 2016-66
Current Owner:	Terrence John Fegarty & Anita Irene Fegarty
Owner Address:	200 Cherry Street, Waubaushene, ON
Original Use:	Meeting Hall
Current Use:	Dwelling



Photo of the meeting hall. (c.1930)



Photo of the building as it stands today.

Historical Significance

The original (eastern) portion of the building was built before 1915 as a meeting hall for the Catholic Order of Foresters. The hall was one of many buildings on the St. John's Roman Catholic Church property. In 1914, a fire on the property destroyed all other buildings including the church, priest's residence, a chapel, a music hall, and a stable and carriage shed. The Forester's Hall was saved by placing wet planks against its outer walls and by throwing snow on its roof. The hall was subsequently used as a chapel for Catholic Church services until the church was rebuilt and opened for Christmas, 1916. Please refer to [Designation By-law No. 2016-66](#) for further cultural heritage value information.

Architectural Features

The original structure was built from planks, then covered by clapboard, then insul brick, and then pine siding. The original foundation is poured concrete; adjoining is a freshwater cistern, now unused. The original floors on both levels are visible and run the length of the house. Portions of the pine ceiling and plank walls on the ground floor are visible. All interior doors and windows are trimmed in pine, some of which is original. The interior doors are solid pine, most of them original. Several the furniture items and fixtures are original.

95 Jephson Street – Victoria Harbour

St. Paul's Presbyterian Church

Roll Number:	353 060 001 09000
Legal Desc:	PLAN 201 PT LOTS 10 & 11 AND; PT OF ELLEN STREET RANGE C
Built:	1906
Designated:	2004 By-law 2004-23
Current Owner:	St. Paul's Presbyterian Church Congregation
Owner Address:	95 Jephson Street, Victoria Harbour, ON
Original Use:	Church
Current Use:	Church



Photo of the church as it stands today.



Photo of the added buttress supports.

Historical Significance

John Waldie, president of the Victoria Harbor Lumber Company funded the Construction of the Church, which was completed in 1906. The nature of the architecture is said to resemble a Church near Waldie's birthplace in Scotland. Construction began in 1905 and the first service was held on June 24th, 1906. The interior is very special, as it is one of the only pine interiors not containing a single knot. The lumber used in its construction was carefully selected for this purpose and remains quite unique and beautiful today. The original pine framing, flooring, and pews remain. Please refer to Designation By-law No. 2004-23 for further cultural heritage value information.

Architectural Features

St. Paul's Presbyterian Church still has many of its original attributes on the interior and exterior. There was an addition put on the back of the building in 1991, the roof was replaced in 2000, and the original wood siding was covered with vinyl siding in 2004. In the main hall, not much has changed. It was discovered around the 1970's that the church was spreading, so buttress supports were added onto the exterior, along with cables strung to hold the building from spreading apart any further. The only other change has been the addition of plastic and metal safety covers on the windows to help keep the heat in and the rain out of the church. These covers also protect the glass from vandals as it is not replaceable.