

# THE CHATHAM-KENT MUNICIPAL HERITAGE REGISTER



## Listed Properties in the Community of Harwich

# Community of Harwich

## 19349 Charing Cross Road



**Date Added to Registry:** 18-Jan-2010

**Historic Period and/or Date of Erection:** Circa 1920

**Historical Significance:** The original owner of this house was a McGuigan and it has been passed down through the family since its construction. James Fitzgerald McGuigan, a long time resident, and former owner of the homestead, was an MPP in the area from 1977-1990.

**Architectural Significance/Description:** The property pictured on the right is an outstanding example of Arts & Crafts architecture. The stone construction makes it incredibly rare. In Chatham-Kent few homes have used stone in their construction as much as this private residence. The house also has a stone fence, adding to its originality, and grandeur.



**Contextual Significance:** The property is located on a large double lot. It is a landmark in Cedar Springs.

**Legal Description:** PT LT 8, CON 4, WEST COMMUNICATION ROAD (HARWICH), PT 2, 24R3168 HARWICH

# Community of Harwich

## 243 Chatham Street South



**Date Added to Registry:** 8-Sep-2014

**Historic Period and/or Date of Erection:** 1914

**Historical Significance:**

**Architectural Significance/Description:** This residence is designed in the Foursquare architectural style. Some of the more notable features associated with this style include the cubicle-shaped massing, hipped roof, deep full width porch with significant structural components, and off-centered entrance with symmetrical upper story window arrangement.

**Contextual Significance:**

**Legal Description:** CON 1 ECR PT LOT 9 RP  
24R6041 PART 1



# Community of Harwich

## 9253 Colborne Street



**Date Added to Registry:** 18-Jan-2010

**Historic Period and/or Date of Erection:** Circa 1865

**Historical Significance:** The house, known to locals as the Dr. Martin Home, is an excellent illustration of early rural life in Harwich Township during the nineteenth century.

**Architectural Significance/Description:** The residence is an outstanding example of one of Chatham-Kent's earliest Italianate mansions. The property has been added on to and has more square footage than any other known Italianate design in the community.

**Contextual Significance:** The house is on a large 4 acres estate in a rural setting.

**Legal Description:** PART OF LOT 6, CON. 1, RTS (HARWICH) HARWICH



# Community of Harwich

## 18935-18937 Communication Road



**Date Added to Registry:** 18-Jan-2010

**Historic Period and/or Date of Erection:** Circa 1875

**Historical Significance:** The residence pictured on the right was originally home to the Huffman family. Blake Huffman, Federal MP for East Kent from 1949-1958 resided here for a number of years during his life.

**Architectural Significance/Description:** The Gothic Revival features of this residence are outstanding. The verge boards, well preserved in comparison to many rural residences, are exquisite. The steep gables and bay windows are also interesting features of this design.

**Contextual Significance:** The residence is surrounded by some of Ontario's most fertile farm land.

**Legal Description:** PART LOT 2, CONCESSION 1, EAST COMMUNICATION ROAD, GEOGRAPHIC TOWNSHIP OF HARWICH, DESIGNATED AS PART 2, 24R6102; CHATHAM-KENT



# Community of Harwich

## 22193 Communication Road



**Date Added to Registry:** 8-Sep-2014

**Historic Period and/or Date of Erection:** 1850-1852

**Historical Significance:** The subject property was purchased by the McGarvin family shortly after the conclusion of the War of 1812. The McGarvin family's roots in the area date back to 1794, when three McGarvin brother's emigrated to the area from Ireland. The brother who purchased the subject property, originally settled and resided on the lands located at the southeast corner of Grand Avenue West and Kiel Drive, where a Wendy's restaurant now stands. George McGarvin, a descendent of the original owner, had this residence constructed between 1850-1852 for his bride to be. George at one time had 1600 horses on the property and operated a livery stable (McGarvin Brothers Stables) on the west side of Market Square in Chatham.

**Architectural Significance/Description:** This residence is designed in the Vernacular architectural style, with some influence of the Gothic Revival and Second Empire architectural styles. Some of the more notable features associated with the Gothic Revival and Second Empire styles include the gingerbread and bay window respectively.

The residence is constructed predominately of brick, true 2" x 12" lumber, and horse hair plaster. The bricks were made from clay out of the nearby McGregor Creek and fired on site, using a kiln fueled by Black Walnut from the property. Elm trees from the property were cut down and sent to the Chatham Mill via McGregor Creek and the Thames River to create the lumber required to construct the residence. The milled lumber was delivered to the property by horse drawn sleigh.

The residence has no foundation, however is supported by walls starting at four bricks thick, tapering up three bricks thick.

**Contextual Significance:**

**Legal Description:** HARWICH CON 6 RTS PT LOT 7 RP  
24R3119 PT PART 1



# Community of Harwich

## 22220 Creek Road



**Date Added to Registry:** 18-Jan-2010

**Historic Period and/or Date of Erection:** Circa 1850

**Historical Significance:** These structures, that include a private residence, barns, and sheds, illustrate a well established agricultural estate. The property has developed substantially over the years and one can trace a number of different periods of development. In the 1820's Michael McGarvin became one of the first settlers on this lot. The property was likely passed on to his descendants.

**Architectural Significance/Description:** The most notable and attractive building is the private residence. It is an early Georgian brick home with outbuildings. It has symmetrical features, is well preserved, and is true to its early form.

**Contextual Significance:** The buildings are located along McGregor Creek. They are all surrounded by extremely fertile farm land.

**Legal Description:** PART LOT 5, CONCESSION 4, WESTERN BOUNDARY, RIVER THAMES SURVEY (HARWICH), SUBJECT TO R.O.W AS IN



# Community of Harwich

## 22299 Creek Road



**Date Added to Registry:** 18-Jan-2010

**Historic Period and/or Date of Erection:** Circa 1850

**Historical Significance:** The builder of this home was likely the same as the previous residence mentioned. These two properties illustrate a trend in design during the early settlement years in Harwich Township.

**Architectural Significance/Description:** The hip roof, symmetrical features, and pillared portico, are elements common to Georgian design. The brick's excellent condition will help this residence remain for future generations.

**Contextual Significance:** This house was built along McGregor's Creek.

**Legal Description:** PART LOT 6, CONCESSION 5, RIVER THAMES SURVEY (HARWICH) HARWICH





# Community of Harwich

## 18950 Erieau Road



**Date Added to Registry:** 18-Jan-2010

**Historic Period and/or Date of Erection:** Circa 1859

**Historical Significance:** This homestead has belonged to the Snobelens, a well respected family in the community for a number of years.

**Architectural Significance/Description:** This is an example of a fine early stone dwelling. It includes unique brick detail work that provides an interesting contrast to the stone.

**Contextual Significance:** The estate is surrounded by a well designed grouping of landscaped shrubbery.

**Legal Description:** PT LT 5, CON 4, WEST COMMUNICATION ROAD, EAST GORE LINE (HARWICH), PT 1, 24R-4078 "DESCRIPTION IN 416758 MAY NOT BE ACCEPTABLE IN FUTURE RE:PT 1, 24R-4041 & PT 1, 24R-4078" HARWICH



# Community of Harwich

## 11483 Front Line



**Date Added to Registry:** 18-Jan-2010

**Historic Period and/or Date of Erection:** Circa 1840

**Historical Significance:** The initial construction of this residence makes it one of the older buildings in Harwich Township. In fact the structure is believed to be one of the 10 oldest residences remaining in Chatham-Kent.

**Architectural Significance/Description:** The left side of this unassuming home is very early. Interesting details include an off centre doorway and restrained Classical Revival return eaves, both indicating a construction date as early as c. 1840. The right side is a c. 1890 addition. The property retains a collection of period outbuildings including an impressive timber frame barn.

**Contextual Significance:** This home shows the sparse settlement pattern of early rural Harwich Township.

**Legal Description:** PT LT 23 CON 5, LAKE ERIE SURVEY(HARWICH), LYING NORTH OF RIDGE RD, AS IN 156901, EXCEPT PT 1, 24R2194 "DESCRIPTION IN 156901 MAY NOT BE ACCEPTABLE IN FUTURE" RE: REMNANT HARWICH



# Community of Harwich

## 11625 Front Line



**Date Added to Registry:** 18-Jan-2010

**Historic Period and/or Date of Erection:** Circa 1850

**Historical Significance:** The owners of this property likely came from, or knew a contractor from upstate New York. The building is very similar to those found in that region. It is a unique property in Chatham-Kent and is also one of the oldest in Harwich Township.

**Architectural Significance/Description:** The front gable on this home illustrates its Classical Revival influence. It looks well kept, with a number of other original features.

**Contextual Significance:** The home is located in Troy, a small community of rural houses. This structure was likely one of the first buildings in the small settlement. It is also rare because it resides in one of Chatham-Kent's "ghost towns."

**Legal Description:** PT LT 24, CON 5, LAKE ERIE SURVEY(HARWICH), PT 1, 24R2377 HARWICH



# Community of Harwich

## 20672 Kent Bridge Road



**Date Added to Registry:** 8-Sep-2014

**Historic Period and/or Date of Erection:** 1880

**Historical Significance:**

**Architectural Significance/Description:** This residence is designed in the Gothic Revival architectural style. Some of the more notable features associated with this style include the and finely scaled gingerbread and sharply pitched gables.

**Contextual Significance:** This property is located on a significant rural road within the community.

**Legal Description:** RANGE TL PT LOT 10 RP  
24R5648 PART 1



# Community of Harwich

## 23233 Mull Road



**Date Added to Registry:** 18-Jan-2010

**Historic Period and/or Date of Erection:** Circa 1850

**Historical Significance:** Few homes retain this architectural style in a rural setting. Consequently, the estate acts as a great example of mid-nineteenth century rural life.

**Architectural Significance/Description:** This original c. 1850 Classical Revival style home has a number of prominent features. The highlights include: original windows, impressive eave returns, door surround, original front door and unusual dentil moulding (in green) along the frieze.

**Contextual Significance:** The home is located among a small grouping of other residences. On the property itself are a number of old barns and sheds.

**Legal Description:** PART LOT 19, CONCESSION 1, RIVER THAMES SURVEY (HARWICH)  
HARWICH



# Community of Harwich

## 11014 New Scotland Line



**Date Added to Registry:** 18-Jan-2010

**Historic Period and/or Date of Erection:** 1900

**Historical Significance:**

**Architectural Significance/Description:** This residence is designed in the Queen Anne architectural style. Some of the more notable features associated with this style include the large 2 ½ storey asymmetrical plan, steep hip roof complimented by multiple gables, broad wrap around veranda, and lacy details.

**Contextual Significance:** This is an example of the ubiquitous Queen Anne farmhouse with mature trees and large grassed lot, found throughout the Municipality.

**Legal Description:** CON BF LES CON 1 PT LOT  
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## 11049 New Scotland Line



**Date Added to Registry:** 18-Jan-2010

**Historic Period and/or Date of Erection:** 1877

**Historical Significance:** This residence was home to the Soper family. The Sopers were a successful farming family in the community. An inscription on the pointed front gable of the home reads: J.S Bay View 1877

**Architectural Significance/Description:** This house is a unique vernacular interpretation of Gothic Revival architecture. The steep front gable with original verge board detailing is outstanding. Moreover, the centralized bay window is different from most of Chatham-Kent's rural homes. The attached dry shed at the rear of the property is particularly rare.

**Contextual Significance:** The home is located next to a small grouping of rural residences. It is likely the oldest out of the collection.

**Legal Description:** PART OF LOT 20,  
CONCESSION 2, LAKE ERIE SURVEY,  
GEOGRAPHIC TOWNSHIP OF HARWICH,  
DESIGNATED AS PARTS 1 & 2, 24R8170;  
CHATHAM-KENT



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## 11170 New Scotland Line



**Date Added to Registry:** 8-Sep-2014

**Historic Period and/or Date of Erection:** 1890

**Historical Significance:** This residence has been in the Rose family since 1967.

**Architectural Significance/Description:** This residence is designed in the Gothic Revival architectural style. One of the more notable features associated with this style is the sharply pitched gables.

**Contextual Significance:** This home is located in a significant heritage area, with many similar homes in the vicinity.

**Legal Description:** CON 1 LES PT LOT 21 RP  
24R4418 PART 4





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## 10851 Pinehurst Line



**Date Added to Registry:**

**Historic Period and/or Date of Erection:** 1891

**Historical Significance:**

**Architectural Significance / Description:** This residence is designed in the Queen Anne architectural style. Some of the more notable features associated with this style include the large 2 ½ storey asymmetrical plan, steep hip roof complimented by multiple gables, broad wrap around veranda, and lacy details.

**Contextual Significance:** This is an example of the ubiquitous Queen Anne farmhouse with mature trees and large grassed lot, found throughout the Municipality.

**Legal Description:** CON 13 LES S PT LOT 18  
AND RP 24R8097 PART 5



# Community of Harwich

## 10901 Pinehurst Line



**Date Added to Registry:** 8-Sep-2014

**Historic Period and/or Date of Erection:** 1877

**Historical Significance:** This residence was formerly School Section No. 8 Harwich.

**Architectural Significance / Description:** This residence is designed in the Vernacular architectural style, with some influence of the Italianate and Renaissance Revival architectural styles.

**Contextual Significance:** This building represents Kent County's Educational System's past, when several small rural schools dotted the countryside to serve the residents of the townships of the former County.

**Legal Description:** CON 13 LES S PT LOT 19 PT SE 1/2 LOT 19

**Additional Notes:** This property received a Mayor's Heritage Preservation Award in 2013.



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## 200 Ross Lane



**Date Added to Registry:** 18-Jan-2010

**Historic Period and/or Date of Erection:** Circa 1915

**Historical Significance:** For nearly a century or more Erieau has been a popular destination for cottagers. This structure illustrates how important this lifestyle was to the community throughout the twentieth century. The cottage was owned by the Parrys, a well known family in the area.

**Architectural Significance/Description:** This structure is a great example of the Cottage Vernacular style. The numerous windows illustrate how important it was for many of these properties to bring the outside light and views into the home.

**Contextual Significance:** The property has Rondeau Bay frontage. It is a landmark in Erieau.

**Legal Description:** LTS 11, 12, 162 & 163, PLAN 314 ERIEAU



# Community of Harwich

## 10549 School Line



**Date Added to Registry:** 18-Jan-2010

**Historic Period and/or Date of Erection:** Circa 1890

**Historical Significance:** The Raglan School, as it was known before it was converted into a private residence, is one of the nicest preserved school houses in the municipality.

**Architectural Significance/Description:** The large cupola, arched windows with hoods, cornice, and slate roof are outstanding features by municipal standards. The building exhibits a mixture of Queen Anne and Renaissance Revival architectural styles.

**Contextual Significance:** The building's cupola can be seen from a great distance. Moreover, it is located at the intersection of School Line and New Scotland Line.

**Legal Description:** PT LT 15, CON 1, LAKE ERIE SURVEY (HARWICH) AS IN 493132 HARWICH



# Community of Harwich

## 10509 Talbot Trail



**Date Added to Registry:** 18-Jan-2010

**Historic Period and/or Date of Erection:** Circa 1865

**Historical Significance:** This residence is one of the oldest structures in Harwich Township. The rural setting has changed little since its construction and thus the home acts as a great example of the time period in which it was made. Recent restorations have kept with original design intentions.

**Architectural Significance/Description:** This brick home, with eclectic vernacular features, has a unique elliptical fan light over the door. Additionally, it has incredible walnut wainscot and trim in the downstairs parlour and dining room.

**Contextual Significance:** The dwelling is located amongst a small cluster of residences along the historic Talbot Trail.

**Legal Description:** PART LOT 15, CONCESSION 4, LAKE ERIE SURVEY, (HARWICH) BEING PART 1 24R-5493 HARWICH



# Community of Harwich

## 11319 Talbot Trail



**Date Added to Registry:** 18-Jan-2010

**Historic Period and/or Date of Erection:** Circa 1875

**Historical Significance:** Similar to other Register entries, this home represents what rural life would have been like during the nineteenth century for an upper-middle class family.

**Architectural Significance/Description:** Many original details remain on this Gothic Revival home. The positioning of the roof's gables and the outstanding verge boards make this property unique. Few other examples follow a similar pattern in all of Ontario.

**Contextual Significance:** This home is built on a large rural estate. It is one of the few residences in the entire area.

**Legal Description:** PT LT 22, CON 3, LAKE ERIE SURVEY, GEOGRAPHIC TOWNSHIP OF HARWICH, DESIGNATED AS PART 1, 24R6231 ; CHATHAM-

