

## CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF ESQUIMALT

### BYLAW NO. 2807

A Bylaw to designate the existing building known as the English Inn  
at 429 Lampson Street as a Municipal Heritage Building.

WHEREAS THE Council considers that the property shown cross hatched in Schedule A of this Bylaw and described in Schedule B of this Bylaw has heritage value and heritage character.

AND WHEREAS the owners of that property have applied to the Township of Esquimalt for designation of the existing building on the property as a municipal heritage site;

AND WHEREAS the owners have agreed there is no reduction in market value of the property, or, in the alternative, they have waived in writing any entitlement to compensation for the designation under s. 969 of the *Local Government Act*;

THE MUNICIPAL COUNCIL OF THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF ESQUIMALT, in open meeting assembled, enacts as follows:

1. This bylaw may be cited as the "HERITAGE DESIGNATION [429 Lampson Street] BYLAW, 2013, NO. 2807".
2. That the existing building and area shown cross-hatched on Schedule 'A' attached to and forming part of this bylaw (the "**Protected Property**") located on that parcel of land commonly known as 429 Lampson Street and situated in the Township of Esquimalt in the Province of British Columbia and more particularly described as PID 023-009-331, Lot B, Section 11, Esquimalt District, Plan VIP60066 (the "**Lands**") shall be and is hereby provided heritage designation pursuant to Section 967 of the *Local Government Act*.
3. Subject to Section 4 of this Bylaw, in accordance with subsection 967(2)(g) and (3) of the *Local Government Act*, no person may affect the Protected Property without the benefit of a Heritage Alteration Permit in accordance with the following policies:
  - (a) Alteration, changes, removal and actions to be consistent with, in the following order:
    - (i) the statement of Heritage Value prepared by Donald Luxton & Associates, dated September 2013, as provided in Schedule B to this Bylaw;
    - (ii) *Standards and Guidelines for the Conservation of Historic Places in Canada*, © Her Majesty the Queen in Right of Canada, 2010, Second Edition;
    - (iii) guidelines provided in relation to the Lands further to Development Permit Area No. 7 English Inn as identified in *OFFICIAL COMMUNITY PLAN BYLAW, 2006, NO. 2646, AMENDMENT BYLAW [NO. 15], 2013, NO. 2808*;
  - (b) In recognition of the Protected Property only representing a portion of the existing building, removal of any of those portions of the existing building not provided heritage designation by this Bylaw only be undertaken so as to ensure that the architectural and heritage integrity of the heritage designated portions of the building.

4. In accordance with subsection 967(2)(f) of the *Local Government Act*, the following activities may be carried out in relation to the Protected Property and the Lands without the benefit of a Heritage Alteration Permit:
- (a) general maintenance and upkeep of the exterior of the existing building, including periodic repairs, cleaning and painting the exterior;
  - (b) interior changes that do not impact the exterior of the existing building; and
  - (c) minor routine landscaping.

READ a first time by the Municipal Council on 23<sup>rd</sup> day of September, 2013.

READ a second time by the Municipal Council on 23<sup>rd</sup> day of September, 2013.

A Public Hearing pursuant to Sections 890 and 892 of the *Local Government Act* was held on 21<sup>st</sup> day of October, 2013.

READ a third time and passed by the Municipal Council on 4<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2013.

**ADOPTED** by the Municipal Council on 4<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2013.

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**SCHEDULE 'B' TO BYLAW 2807**

**Description of English Inn by Donald Luxton and Associates Inc.**

THE ENGLISH INN, 429 LAMPSON STREET, ESQUIMALT  
HERITAGE VALUE

SCHEDULE B OF BYLAW NO. 2807



**Name of Historic Place:** The English Inn

**Historic Name:** *Rosemead*

**Location:** 429 Lampson Street, Esquimalt

**Date of Construction:** 1909

**Original Owner:** Thomas Henry Slater and Elizabeth Slater

**Architect:** Samuel Maclure

**Description of the Historic Place**

The English Inn is a two and one-half storey, masonry estate house located at 429 Lampson Street in the Saxe Point neighbourhood of Esquimalt, near the Strait of Juan de Fuca. Tudor Revival in style, the house is situated on a large rocky outcropping with a mature forested landscape, and features a high gabled roof, extensive stonework and half-timbered gable ends.

**Heritage Value of the Historic Place**

The English Inn is significant for its representation of British-inspired architecture and the development of early estate holdings in Esquimalt. This large manor house demonstrates the social, cultural, and aesthetic values of local wealthy businessmen and women of the early twentieth century – values such as appreciation of architectural elegance and grand interior spaces, leisure and recreation, formal landscaped gardens and scenic views. Located near naval and shipbuilding installations, the Saxe Point neighbourhood was an appealing residential location for Esquimalt's early gentry. These estate properties have since been subdivided for development, and the English Inn is the last surviving early

manor house in the area. Originally known as *Rosemead*, it was built in 1909 for the Slater family. Yorkshire-born Thomas Henry Slater (1866-1934), a successful broker, realtor and developer, arrived from Ontario following his marriage to Elizabeth Maud Robinson on March 26, 1895. The Slaters only resided here until 1917, and subsequently rented the house to various notable residents including Sir James Lougheed, one of Canada's well-known early politicians. The Slaters sold the property in 1933 to Dr. Thomas Arthur Rickard and his wife, Marguerite, who remained in the house until 1946, and this progression of elite owners and residents roots the estate firmly in the early social development of Esquimalt. After the end of World War Two, Sam Lane, Retired Squadron Leader of the Royal Canadian Air Force, and his wife, Rosina, began the conversion of the manor into a guesthouse. The Lanes constructed additional buildings on the property and operated the estate for many years as "The Olde England Inn," a noted tourist attraction that promoted British historical connections.

The English Inn is also valued for its Tudor Revival architecture, designed by celebrated local architect Samuel Maclure (1860-1929), who was responsible for many significant buildings throughout the Capital Regional District and the Lower Mainland of British Columbia. Maclure, known especially for his British Arts and Crafts residential designs, had recently completed the opulent *Hatley Park* in Colwood before beginning work on Slater's new home in Esquimalt; both demonstrate Maclure's penchant for stone cladding and traditional British architecture. This house for the Slaters displayed good, modern taste as well as an affinity for all things British, and high-quality craftsmanship is evident both inside and out in the finishes and materials. The use of the Tudor Revival style, with its direct British antecedents, was also a patriotic demonstration of loyalty to the Mother Country. In addition to its lavish design details, the height of the house, its relative seclusion and its deep setback from the street enhance its grandeur. The English Inn remains the only extant Maclure-designed building in Esquimalt and is a testament to the work of one of British Columbia's most accomplished native architects.

### **Character-Defining Elements**

The key elements that define the heritage character of The English Inn include its:

- location on a large rocky outcrop in the Saxe Point neighbourhood of Esquimalt;
- generous setback from the street, set amongst native landscaping and mature trees;
- residential form, scale and massing as expressed by its two and one-half storey height with full basement, and broad overhanging gabled roof;
- Tudor Revival style design features of the original Maclure design, including: massive rubblestone foundations growing out of the native rock; cedar shingles and tuck-pointed stone cladding on the ground floor; half-timbering on the upper floors; south-facing parallel gables; ground floor projecting bays and indented porches; large eave brackets; bracketed dropped finials at the gable ends; a *porte cochère* with square, tapered, stone columns and wooden brackets; tall stone chimneys; and a south-facing second floor balcony;
- Original wooden sash windows, including a variety of multi-paned double-hung and casement assemblies, some with stained and leaded glass panels.

## RESEARCH SUMMARY

**CIVIC ADDRESS:** 429 Lampson Street, Esquimalt

**LEGAL ADDRESS:** Lot B, Section 11, Esquimalt District Plan VIP60066

**ORIGINAL OWNERS:** Thomas Henry Slater and Elizabeth Slater

**ORIGINAL NAME:** Rosemead

**CONSTRUCTION DATE:** 1909

**ARCHITECT:** Samuel Maclure

### **SAMUEL MACLURE ARCHITECTURAL DRAWINGS AT UNIVERSITY OF VICTORIA ARCHIVES:**

- Location: Segger Fonds, UVA Accession 89-41, box 1, file 4
- Drawing numbers: AP1612-AP1614 (3 blueprint drawings: plans and elevations)
- Client: T.H. Slater
- Title: House for T.H. Slater Esq., Lampson St., Esquimalt, B.C.
- Address: "Rosemead" (The English Inn), 429 Lampson Street, Esquimalt
- Date: July 1909
- Description: Two-storey house with basement and attic (no plans of the latter are present). The ground floor comprises a vestibule, hall, drawing room, sitting room, den, dining room, kitchen, pantry and larder. A porte cochère and porch join the house on this level at the vestibule. A large verandah wraps around the west, south and east sides of the house. The second floor consists of the upper hall, four bedrooms, dressing room, box room, two bathrooms and a balcony. Porches and verandahs are faced in stone, and the rest of the first floor is finished in shingles. Second-floor gable ends and one of the attic gable ends have a half timbering treatment. The other attic gable end is finished in shingles. Plans specify the liberal use of leaded glass windows.