

# RECORD OF DESIGNATION

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Name of Municipality: Corporation of the Town of Almonte

Municipal Address of Property: "Almonte Fair Grounds" Water Street, Almonte, Ontario.

Owner of Property: The North Lanark Agricultural Society

Address of Owner: Water Street, Almonte, Ontario.

Date of service of Notice  
of Intention to Designate: June 18th. 1984.

Dates of publication of  
Notice of Intention: 1) June 20th. 1984

2) June 27th. 1984

3) July 4th. 1984

Date of Designating By-Law: August 14th. 1984

## Reason for Designation:

The significance of the Main Hall and Grandstand lie not only in their architectural features which were typical of their day but are now unique in the area, but in the continuous use to which these structure have been put in advancing agricultural in the community. The annual farm and home displays the Main Hall has housed for well over a century and the shows and exhibitions put on in front of the grandstand have continued to the excellent standing the North Lanark Agricultural Society enjoys in the community and in the Province.

The Fair Hall was first built in 1865 on a three acre parcel of land bought from David Campbell for \$300. The building's roof collapsed in 1868 and the structure was rebuilt. The grandstand was built in 1868. It is the only remaining covered wooden grandstand in this part of Ontario. Although the third storey which is shown in an earlier photograph to have been on the front [entrance and stairway] section has been removed and most of the windows especially in the hall itself blocked up, the exterior of the front section with it's upstairs six-over-six [twelve-paned] windows and balcony and it's downstairs front door-way with arch, and wooden proch, provide an indication of the style of the period. The interior is especially interesting with beam and post construction and balcony all round, and it's good hard wood floor.

Property Description: Property known as the "Almonte Fair Grounds" on Water Street, being lot letters "S" and "T", in the Town of Almonte.

Date: September 6th. 1984.