

Address: 24 Glastonbury Drive (Old Stratford Fairgrounds)



Legal Description: Part Lot 3, Concession 1 (Geographic Township of Ellice) in the City of Stratford, Part 1 on Reference Plan 44R-5543, City of Stratford, Province of Perth

Designation By-law: 16-2019

By-law Designation Date: February 11, 2019

Date of Construction: 1948

Architectural Style: Fieldstone Construction with Square Beaded Masonry

Architectural Description: Former Stratford Fairgrounds entrance. Erected by a local mason to mark the 1941 centennial of the Stratford Agricultural Society (construction delayed due to wartime constraints). Large fieldstone Gates, Gate Posts and Pylon, all with square beaded mortar. Pylon includes flagpole and bronze plaque presented by the Ontario Department of Agriculture to commemorate and honour the work and achievements of the Society.

The Stratford Fairgrounds was an important cultural feature for Stratford and the neighbouring agricultural community for 130 years, hosting the annual Stratford Fair and numerous other events. The Entrance Gates are the last remaining evidence of the Fairgrounds and its significance to the history of Stratford and the surrounding area.