



Heritage Property – *Elizabeth Ziegler Public School*



90 Moore Ave. S.

Built 1931; designed by F.W. Warren and Mr. McDonnell.

Designated Dec. 16, 1985: bylaw 85-229, “Elizabeth Ziegler School”

By the 1920s, it became apparent that the young population of the Town of Waterloo had outgrown Central (MacGregor) and Alexandra schools – a third elementary school was needed. A large site for the new school was purchased from the Moore Estate for \$6,000; the structure itself cost a further \$121,999.

The generosity of Mrs. S.C. Tweed, chair of the board of education during the initial Depression years, allowed construction to be completed on time and the school opened on Sept. 2, 1931. The institution was named in honour of a local teacher who had completed 55 years of service in 1930.

Proudly displayed inside the school is the teaching certificate of “Lizzie Ziegler” (so written) granted in 1870 and signed by the chief superintendent of education for Ontario, Egerton Ryerson.

The three-storey, red brick and grey stone school building is designed in the gothic revival or collegiate gothic style, which is rare for an elementary school. The front façade is meticulously symmetrical in layout, with the main entrance deeply inset, framed in stone (the reveal — gothic archway and sculptured lintel) and a pair of tall brick-and-stone



turrets of pseudo-Tudor design rise from the ground to above the parapet and end in graceful octagonal copper-sheathed domes. At their upper level they frame a highly ornate stone pediment bearing finials in the form of a fleur-de-lis. Those finials are echoed twice, in a slightly smaller size, above the parapet at each end of the front façade.

The south end of the building has a large single-storey stone bay window. “Boys” and “girls” entrances are identified in engraved stone over the north and south entrances respectively.