



Heritage Property – Train Station



20 Regina St. S.

Built by Grand Trunk railway, 1910

Designated November 1995: bylaw 95-118, “The Old Train Station”

The Waterloo train station was built in 1910 by the Grand Trunk Railway as a replacement for an original wooden structure. It established a rail link between Waterloo and the Grand Trunk main line through Berlin (Kitchener). In 1917 the Grand Trunk railway was absorbed into the Canadian National Railway (CNR) system.

At its peak the Waterloo station served nine trains a day – six passengers and three freight trains. During both the First and Second World Wars it witnessed the departure of troops from the region. CNR ended passenger service at the station in 1934 as travellers’ preferences swung to automobiles, but freight service continued for many years.

The Waterloo train station was constructed of buff brick with cut-stone sills of windows and doors and quoins in all openings and the building’s corners. In a design for a “second- class station,” a type used by Grand Trunk in less important locations, this Romanesque building has a sweeping, hipped roof with flared eaves. The projecting centre-segment that contained the ticket office has a gable that extends above the roofline. Windows and doors have elliptical fanlights in flattened arches. Though the west end was devoted to passenger movement, with large openings on three sides, and the east to freight, the designer managed to incorporate a good deal of symmetry in the south façade.



The train station has been a cornerstone of the community for many years, helping Waterloo grows in the mid-1900s; a modern reuse of the building ensures its continuing existence.