



Municipality of
Dutton Dunwich

HERITAGE COMMITTEE

FACT SHEET

IONA HALL – 8851 IONA ROAD

A one storey structure constructed of wood has been determined by Council to be preserved through an intent to designate process under the Heritage Act.



The property has historical value as it encapsulates a number of features of the Classical Revival detailing above and an outline of pilasters to each side of the door.

The 12 over 12 windows allow for a significant amount of light to enter the hall.

The eared window surrounds with pedimented tops and returned eaves are a significant part of the Classical Revival and emphasize and decorate the pediment.

The building represents one of the last examples of the Classical Revival locally.

In terms of historical value, the building was constructed in 1862 by Coates Keillor and John Lumley, assisted by Rufus and David Lumley as the Freewill Baptist Church.

The congregation of the Free Will Baptists decreased in the 1880s with the church closing in 1900. In 1909 the Church of Christ Disciples acquired the building. The Women's Institute was granted permission to hold meetings and in 1913, the building became a community hall serving the Municipality of Dutton Dunwich and the Township of Southwold with a board of trustees. A continued shared use of the Hall occurred until 1979 when a community board of trustees was established and the Women's Institute withdrew.

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