



TAY
HERITAGE

Former School S.S. 3, 6462 Highway 93 Waverley



Historical

This former school house was built in 1926 to serve the four school districts of S.S. #3 Flos, S.S. #4 Tiny, S.S. #4 Tay, and S.S. #9 Medonte. The land had been purchased in 1891 and maintained by the Township of Flos.

It was a three room schoolhouse, a form which was just beginning to become popular in the early 1900's. Many pupils attended the school from Waverley and the surrounding farms. There were approximately 15 teachers between 1926 and its closure in the late 1960's.

At that time, the pupils were dispersed to Elmvale, Wyevale, Wyebridge, and Victoria Harbour. The building has since served as a craft shop and veterinary hospital.



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HISTORY OF OWNERSHIP – 6462 Hwy 93

| YEAR (Registration) | TRANSFER TO |
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| 1837 | Thomas Peploe |
| 1840 | Thomas Parker |
| 1848 | Samuel French |
| 1891 | Trustees of Union School: S.S. 3 Flos, S.S. 4 Tiny, S.S. 4 Tay and S.S. 9 Medonte. |
| 1891 | Thomas French |
| 1901 | Isaac French |
| 1912 | School Board of Flos Area |
| 1977 | Corporation of Township of Flos |
| 1994 | Township of Tay |
| 1996 | Wayne Ouellette |
| 2006 | John Chidiac |

Architectural

6462 Hwy 93 is a former three-room school building converted for commercial use.

The original exterior is basically intact, although the north and south pupils' entrances have been renovated. The building is one-and-a-half storey on a rectangular plan with a rear (west) wing. It is constructed of solid red brick and has a poured concrete foundation.

The building made extensive use of upper windows which, together with large classrooms, were designed to maximize the use of natural light, particularly on the east and south elevations (9 windows each). All windows are vinyl replicas of the originals.

The principal (east) façade incorporates a central frontispiece to enclose the main entrance. The former section number (S.S. No. 3) is engraved on a concrete slab resting on a concrete lintel over the door.

The bell tower has been well maintained to keep its original appearance. The bell (now lost) was used to call the children to school as well as to call the community together in case of important news or danger. There are covered entrances (renovated) on both north and south elevations, originally for the boy and girl pupils.

The interior originally incorporated a vestibule at the eastern entrance with stairs leading down to the basement level and up to the main floor, with a further course up to an elevated principal's office. All are intact. A central hallway transected the main floor leading to the third (west) classroom. The first and second classrooms flanked the hallway on either side.

Although the interior was substantially renovated in 2007 (see Section 7), several features in the interior are unchanged since construction. The original 12 foot ceiling height has been preserved in the reception room, treatment room, and dog grooming studio. The strip flooring (mostly maple) is original to the school and visible except in the treatment room. Several rooms feature the original pressed tin or pine tongue-and-groove ceiling coverings. Ceiling moldings replicate the style of the originals.

Sources:

Tay Township Heritage blog <https://taytownshipheritage.wordpress.com>

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