

Ethel Community Centre

Location: Ethel, Ontario

Year built: 1892

THE TOWNSHIP OF GREY had this Township Hall built in 1892. The Township purchased 1/5th of an acre from Lawrence Dobson, to the immediate west of the Methodist Church. All municipal meetings were held in this building until 1925 at which time council bought the former bank. The Hall then became Ethel Community Centre.



The date stone reads: Grey Tp. Hall 1892. Note the raised decorative brickwork of the gable end and the pilasters marking the corners and bays.

The Township Hall had already been used as a community centre, rented to various groups for concerts, meetings, fundraising activities, etc. A 1917 concert to raise money for the building fund of the Methodist Church included elocutionist Miss Muxworthy, soloist Miss Hammond of Atwood, instrumentalist Miss McNeil, the Brussels Orchestra, a dialogue entitled “Making Jelly for the Minister,” and drills. Tickets sold for 25¢ for adults, 15¢ for children.

The Methodist Church building next door was moved to a new location in 1917. The Township built a public works garage where the church had been. When a new garage was built at another location in 1975, the former public works garage became the Grey Fire Department building.
