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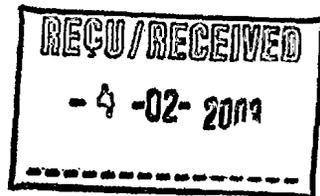


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IN THE MATTER OF THE ONTARIO HERITAGE ACT,
R.S.O. 1990, CHAPTER 0.18
AND IN THE MATTER OF THE BUILDING KNOWN AS
45 CROSS ST.
IN THE CITY OF GUELPH,
IN THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO.



NOTICE OF INTENTION TO DESIGNATE

TO: Ontario Heritage Foundation
The Ontario Heritage Centre
10 Adelaide Street East
Toronto, ON M5C 1J3

AND: [REDACTED]
HassTown Holdings (Guelph) Inc
170 West Beaver Creek Rd, Unit 13
Richmond Hill, ON L4B 1L6



TAKE NOTICE THAT the Council of the Corporation of the City of Guelph intends to designate 45 Cross St. as a building of architectural and historical value and interest under Part IV of The Ontario Heritage Act, R.S.O. 1990, Chapter 0.18.

STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR DESIGNATION

The factory at 45 Cross St. (mainly along Arthur St. frontage) was built for the Guelph Worsted and Spinning Co. beginning in 1902. It is an example of the rapid growth of major industries in St. Patrick's Ward during the early 20th Century. Separate sections of the complex display the skills of two of Guelph's best-known, turn-of-the-century architects, W. Frye Colwill (Carnegie Library, Torrance School) and Wm. A. Mahoney (Tytler School). The masons' craftsmanship is evident especially in the arched lintels and corbelled brick cornices. For these reasons, it is now appropriate to designate portions of the exterior of the structure as it is being prepared to be adaptively re-used for residential purposes (2003).

W. Frye Colwill was the designer of the first section, on Queen St. East (now Arthur St. South), opposite Alice St. (Section 1, Schedule 1). It was built in 1902 as a two-storey, timber-framed, brick structure with a low-slope gable roof. A flat-roofed, timber-framed, three-storey brick addition filled in the Queen St. frontage, all the way to Cross Street, in 1907 (Section 2, Schedule 1). Some brickwork details, identical to the 1902 section, suggest that the 1907 addition was probably also designed by W. Frye Colwill.

In 1920, a third major three-storey section was added, fronting on Cross Street, from plans prepared by Mahoney & Austin (Section 3, Schedule 1). It has a reinforced concrete framework for its ground floor and for its exterior walls which originally contained large, multi-paned windows atop brick spandrels. The rest of the internal framework combines timber posts and beams with steel trusses. Section 3 is not part of the designation. At the same time, Mahoney & Austin placed a brick and steel third storey on top of the 1902 two-storey portion, noticeably wider than the original and featuring a gable roof (Section 4, Schedule 1). Many other accessory structures have been part of the complex but of these only the "Powerhouse Chimney" and the gable-roofed "Bleach House" in the southerly yard are part of this designation (see Schedule 1).

The mill continued to turn out worsteds, yarns, and/or carpet fibres until 1975, operated by Guelph Worsted Spinning, Guelph Carpet & Worsted Spinning Mills, Guelph Yarns, Newlands-Harding Yarns and Dobbie Industries. It has been used for a combination of commercial and industrial uses since 1978, most notably by Len's Mill Store.

The portions of the exterior to be designated are:

- (a) The brick walls of Sections 1, 2, and 4 (Schedule 1), including the arched lintels, the pilasters added to Sections 1 and 4 in 1920, the corbelled cornices on two facades and the corbelled end walls with their capstones at both ends of Section 4. Excepted from this provision are 19 sections of the brick wall where window or doorway openings are planned to be altered or introduced, as well as wall sections where 13 original windows are planned to be re-opened at the time of designation.
- (b) The gable roof on the 1920 3rd-floor addition (Section 4).

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- (c) The restoration of window openings to their original proportions as well as installation of facsimiles of the original window sills in Sections 1, 2, and 4. Basement windows are not included in the designation.
- (d) The tapered, brick "Powerhouse Chimney".
- (e) The exterior of the former "Bleach House", including its brick walls, its gable roof form, its original window openings and original windows and doors, where they occur.

Any person may, before the 7th day of March, 2003, send by registered mail or deliver to the Clerk of the City of Guelph, notice of objection to this proposed designation, together with a statement of reasons for the objection and all relevant factors. If a notice of objection is received, the Council of the City of Guelph shall refer the matter to the Conservation Review Board for a hearing.

DATED at Guelph, Ontario, this 4th day of February, 2003.

Lois Giles, City Clerk
City Hall, 59 Carden Street
Guelph ON N1H 3A1

SCHEDULE 1

