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MUNICIPAL OFFICES  
TOWN HALL  
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November 12th, 1979.

Ontario Heritage Foundation,  
77 Bloor Street West,  
7th Floor,  
TORONTO, Ontario. M7A 2R9.

Dear Sir,-

Enclosed are two (2) notice of intent to designate certain properties within the Town of Lindsay as being of historic or architectural value or interest.

In accordance with the terms of the Act, this notice is to be sent to you as well as to owners of the properties involved.

One of the properties of course, is owned by the Town of Lindsay and as Council has accepted the recommendation of the LACAC group, I do not anticipate any objection to this although the Recreation Commission might wish to comment.

The other notice of course is to a private organization, and notice of the intentions of Council to designate these two buildings will be placed in a local newspaper in accordance with the Heritage Act Regulations.

Yours truly,

WBB/PC

W. B. Bates,  
Clerk-Administrator.

NOTICE OF INTENT TO DESIGNATE

WHEREAS the Ontario Heritage Act, Revised Statutes of Ontario, 1974, chapter 122, as amended by 1975, chapter 87, Part IV, provides that the Council of a Municipality may designate a property within the boundaries of the Municipality to be of historic or architectural value or interest;

AND WHEREAS Notice of Intention to designate such a property must be given in accordance with said Act, Part IV, section 29, subsection 3, 4;

NOW THEREFORE the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Lindsay hereby gives Notice of Intent to designate the following:-

the front or westerly exterior of the top two storeys and the chimneys of the premises on that property in the Town of Lindsay located on the Southeast corner of Lindsay Street and Kent Street, known as The Academy Theatre, and bearing municipal address, 2 Lindsay Street South, Lindsay.

SIGNIFICANCE:

Construction: Brick, built 1892.

Architect: W. Blackwell, Peterborough, Ontario

The Academy Theatre is a significant landmark historically, architecturally and culturally. The building was originally called The Academy of Music and the first performance in it was presented on January 5, 1893. During its early years, it flourished as a live theatre and many well known performers, such as Marie Dressler and the Dumbells, performed on its stage. It was one of the original silent

movie houses east of Toronto, with the first movie being shown there in 1913. The theatre gradually fell into disuse and closed its doors in 1956. In 1963 the people of Lindsay bought and restored it and it now has become one of the foremost of the new theatres of Canada.

Architecturally, the theatre has romanesque implications with its rounded pilasters, its gabled parapet and its dark red colours. The theatre's symmetry of design and rectangular windows also suggest a classical style of architecture. This theatre style was peculiar to North America and was popular from 1875 to 1895.

Therefore, because of its historical, architectural and cultural significance, the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Lindsay recommends that the front or westerly exterior of the top two storeys and the chimneys of the above-mentioned lands and premises be designated as a property having historic or architectural value or interest pursuant to the provisions of The Ontario Heritage Act.

This designation shall not preclude any changes that may be deemed necessary for the efficient use of the building herein contained, but that any and all such changes should be in keeping with the original and present character of the said portion of the exterior and chimneys of the building, and in consultation with the local architectural conservation advisory committee.

Notice of objection to this designation may be served on the Clerk within thirty days of this publication in The Lindsay Daily Post.

A full report on The Academy Theatre and the criteria for designation is available upon request from the municipal office.

This Notice of Intent shall be published in The Lindsay Daily Post, for three consecutive weeks.

LACAC COMMITTEE.