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**THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF PARRY SOUND**  
**NOTICE OF INTENTION TO DESIGNATE UNDER SECTION 29**  
**OF THE ONTARIO HERITAGE ACT**

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**TAKE NOTICE** that the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Parry Sound intends to pass a By-law to designate a property located at 11 McMurray Street to be of cultural heritage value or interest.

**Property Description:**

- Part Lots 14 and 15 E/S Church Street, Plan 2 designated as Parts 2, 3 and 4 Plan 42R-18985
- 11 McMurray St., NE corner of Church & McMurray Sts.
- in the core of the original town as identified by the first survey in 1869
- situated across from the original market square; between the Courthouse at the east end of McMurray St. & the home of "Governor" Beatty at the western limit, directly across from the latter
- the property was originally 2 full town lots & the house was built straddling the property line

**Cultural Heritage Value or Interest:**

The house appears to have been built in the late 1890s by James Moffatt, who also built the neighbouring homes at 62 & 64 Gibson St. The property was a double lot & the house was constructed on the dividing line between the two lots.

At the time the house was built, the population of the town was 2500. The 6 block area bounded by James St. on the east, Church St. on the west, Rosetta to the north & Seguin to the south was the legal, religious, commercial & residential center of the town. Directly across Church St. to the west was "Minnewawa Grove", the home of "Governor" Beatty. The Governor's home & the Courthouse (the earliest in northern Ontario) book-ended the two block McMurray St. The market square open space was immediately to the south.

The home was built for William Taylor Jr. William Taylor Sr. was an Irishman who came to Parry Sound about 1870. He set himself up as a shoemaker & in 1880 commenced construction of a tannery near James & Seguin St. William Taylor Jr. was in business with his father. With the ready supply of bark from the lumbering companies to feed the tannery & a steady demand for logging shoes & shoe packs, both businesses were much in demand & did well. It is easy to believe that William Jr. wanted to make a statement about his importance by locating his new home across from the town's most prominent citizen, William Beatty. He chose a double lot which would set it off to best advantage.

**Heritage Attributes:**

- the double lot frontage facing Church St.
- the mix of deciduous & evergreen trees randomly planted throughout the property
- the 2 storey detached home in the shape of a cross
- the large main floor open veranda with its railing, 17" deep molded frieze & 11" diameter, pedestalled columns with Doric capitals being of particular note
- the deep fan-shaped vergeboard in 3 of the 4 peaks
- the narrow board siding (5"), cornerboards (also 5") & matching 5" window & door trim
- the dimensions & appearance of the original double-hung windows (the north-west one facing Church St. has been changed as have all those on the east side of the house, although the latter are not obvious due to veranda, overhang & shadow)
- cross-gabled roof
- bow window
- original foundation of coursed rubble

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**AND TAKE NOTICE** that any person or agency who objects to this proposed designation may no later than June 3, 2011, serve on the Clerk of the Town of Parry Sound a notice of objection setting out the reason for objection and all relevant facts.

DATED AT PARRY SOUND THIS 4TH DAY OF MAY, 2011.

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