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THE CORPORATION OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF BRIGHTON

TAKE NOTICE that the Council of the Municipality of Brighton on Monday November 1st, 2010 passed Resolution No. 2010-0492, to issue a Notice of Intention to Designate the property known as the 'Fife House', situated in Part of Lot 3, Concession 2, municipally known as 200 Main Street, under Section 29, Part IV of the *Ontario Heritage Act*, R.S.O. 1990, C.O. 18 as a property of cultural heritage value or interest. It meets criteria for municipal designation prescribed by Ontario Regulation 9/06 under the three categories of design/physical, historical/associative and contextual value.

Description of the Property

The 'Fife House' is a large, two-storey residential building located at 200 Main Street, Brighton, Ontario, K0K 1H0. Today its location is legally described as Part of Lot 3, Concession 2, Municipality of Brighton, whereas in the initial survey of the area, it would have been described as situated in the Township of Cramahe.

Statement of Cultural Heritage Value or Interest

The 'Fife House's' cultural heritage value lies in it being one of Brighton's finest examples of Italianate architecture. It is L-shaped and typical of the style, it features a hipped roof with a prominent overhang and wooden soffits and paired, decorative brackets. The house was built in 1874 by Dr. Amos E. Fife, who ran his medical practice from there until his death in 1885, when it passed to his wife, Sarah Fife. The Fife House's associative heritage value also rests in the role that Dr. Fife played in Brighton. He was the first President of The Mechanic's Institute that, along with Library Association, was formed in 1869 to replace the earlier Brighton Library Club. Further, in later years the house was the residence of another Brighton general practitioner, Dr. Robert J. Wade; and in still later years it served as a nursing home.

Description of Heritage Attributes

Key exterior attributes that embody the heritage value of the 'Fife House' as a fine example of Italianate style include:

- The hipped roof with a prominent overhang and wooden soffits with paired, decorative brackets.
- The structural design of 'common bond' brickwork, the outer layer being red.
- The front (south side) main floor features a three-bay, Romanesque window topped by three separate Romanesque windows on the second floor; a front door with sidelights and an arched transom, and French doors; the upper floor features 3 Romanesque windows immediately above the bay, a Romanesque window above the front door, and a Romanesque window above the French doors.
- The east side main floor includes a door with a nine-light window and three-light transom and two rectangular windows; the upper floor has 3 rectangular windows.
- The west side main floor features a three-bay Romanesque window and two rectangular windows; the upper floor has 4 rectangular windows.

Dated at the Municipality of Brighton this 26th day of November, 2010.

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