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THE CITY OF WINDSOR

COUNCIL SERVICES DEPARTMENT

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Ontario Heritage Trust
10 Adelaide Street East
Toronto, ON M5C 1J3

Dear Sirs:

Re: Designation of 1566 Pillette Road

Council, for the Corporation of the City of Windsor, at its meeting held June 7, 2011 passed By-law Number 97-2011 to designate **1566 Pillette Road** as a property of architectural and/or historic significance under the provisions of the Ontario Heritage Act.

- * A copy of the by-law outlining the reasons for designation is attached. Notice of the designating By-law will be published in the Windsor Star on July 2, 2011.

Yours very truly,

Agatha Armstrong
Deputy City Clerk & Supervisor of Council Services

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attachments

BY - LAW NUMBER 97-2011

A BY-LAW TO DESIGNATE THE LANDS AND PREMISES SITUATE WITHIN THE CITY OF WINDSOR, MUNICIPALLY KNOWN AS 1566 PILLETTE ROAD, TO BE OF CULTURAL HERITAGE VALUE OR INTEREST UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF THE ONTARIO HERITAGE ACT, R.S.O. 1990, CHAPTER O.18, AS AMENDED

Passed the 7th day of June, 2011.

WHEREAS by virtue of the provisions of the Ontario Heritage Act, R.S.O. 1990, Chapter O.18, as amended, the Council of a municipality may, by by-law, designate a property within the municipality to be of cultural heritage value or interest.

AND WHEREAS upon consideration of the recommendation of the Windsor Heritage Committee, The Corporation of the City of Windsor deems it desirable and expedient to designate the lands municipally known as *1566 Pillette Road*, more particularly described in Schedule "A" annexed hereto and forming part of this by-law (the subject lands), to be of cultural heritage value or interest, for the reasons stated in Schedule "B" annexed hereto and forming part of this by-law.

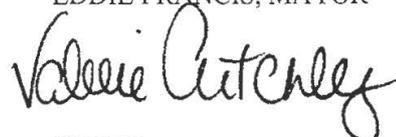
AND WHEREAS notice of intention to so designate the subject lands, was served on the owner(s) of the said subject lands and upon the Ontario Heritage Trust and such notice was published in a newspaper having general circulation in the municipality, on *Saturday, April 23, 2011*.

AND WHEREAS no Notice of Objection has been served on the Clerk of the Municipality within thirty (30) days after the date of publication of the Notice of Intention in a newspaper having general circulation in the municipality.

THEREFORE the Council of The Corporation of the City of Windsor enacts as follows:

1. That the lands municipally known as *1566 Pillette Road*, more particularly described in said Schedule "A" annexed hereto, be and the same is hereby designated to be of cultural heritage value or interest, for the reasons stated in said Schedule "B" annexed hereto.
2. This by-law shall come into force and take effect after the final passing thereof on the day upon which it is electronically registered in the Land Registry Office for the County of Essex (No. 12).


EDDIE FRANCIS, MAYOR


CLERK

First Reading - June 7, 2011
Second Reading - June 7, 2011
Third Reading - June 7, 2011

SCHEDULE "A"

LOT 40, PLAN 1063 FORD CITY; WINDSOR

P.I.N. 01103-0040 LT

City of Windsor, County of Essex

SCHEDULE "B"

REASONS FOR DESIGNATION:

DESCRIPTION OF HISTORIC PLACE

The Hong Family House is on the east side of Pillette Road between the Canadian National Railroad and Tecumseh Road East. The house was built in 1928 in an exotic Tudor Revival style, and has been in continuous use. It has been occupied by the Hong family, early Chinese-Canadian immigrants and their descendants, since 1953.

HISTORICAL VALUE

Since 1953, this home has been occupied by the Hong family. In 1918 and before, Hong family members paid the exorbitant "Head Tax" that the Canadian government charged Chinese immigrants, in order to discourage Chinese immigration. They were one of four Chinese-Canadian families in Windsor. The Hong family had also lost two brothers in World War II. When the house was constructed in 1928, ownership and occupancy were limited to Caucasians.

DESIGN VALUE

This house, built in 1928, is of an exotic Tudor Revival style, one-and-one half storeys, with stucco half-timbering (including diagonal and curved members) on the second floor, brick on the first floor (red mixed with grey including periodic projected bricks), and a shaped-block foundation. The asymmetrical facade includes a projected centre-left porch with brick piers supporting offset short wood posts, a group of three second-floor windows under a shingled triangular gable, and a high-pitch dormer that is inset at its base. The front window set is surrounded by red bricks on the sides and alternating red and grey on the lintel. The roof has slopes of two or more angles, flared in or out toward the base. Against the right side is tall rectangular brick chimney with two chimney pots. A garage is attached to the left front corner; it repeats the offset porch posts, and has a flared roof and paneled doors.

CONTEXTUAL VALUE

The Tudor Revival house addressed 1566 Pillette Road was built in 1928 in the village of Ford City, later East Windsor, and since 1935 part of the City of Windsor. It originally had a street address of 1068 Pillette and was changed to its present address about 1937.

The home was one of the first houses of the Reaume Organization "Country Club District" development. The Reaume Organization flagship model homes were Tudor Revival designs. The builder was David Guitard.'

New home construction stopped with the Great Depression in late 1929. About half the lots facing Pillette Road between the CN Railroad and Tecumseh Road East were built on, including the neighbours on either side of 1566, but almost none of the lots on the parallel streets were occupied. The remaining lots were built on mostly in the late 1940's with small houses.

CHARACTER DEFINING ELEMENTS

Feature that contributes to the historical value of the Hong Family House include:

- Its association with the Hong family, a pioneering Chinese-Canadian family from a time when the "Head Tax" was required for all Chinese immigrants.

Exterior features that contribute to the architectural value of the Hong Family House include:

- Built in 1928, of an exotic Tudor Revival style.
- One-and-one-half storeys.
- Stucco half-timbering (including diagonal and curved members) on the second floor.
- Brick on the first floor (red mixed with grey including periodic projected bricks).
- Shaped-block foundation.
- Porch projected centre-left, with brick piers supporting offset short wood posts.
- Three second-floor windows grouped under a shingled triangular gable.
- High-pitch dormer with a pair of windows inset at its base.
- Roof slopes of two or more angles, flared in or out near the base.
- Chimney against the right side, brick, with two chimney pots.
- Garage attached to the left front corner, with offset posts, flared roof and paneled doors.

Characteristic that contributes to the contextual value of the Hong Family House include:

- One of the first houses of the Reaume Organization “Country Club District” development, in the former municipality of Ford City.