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Notice of Intention to Designate a Property under the Ontario Heritage Act

232 Colborne Street

TAKE NOTICE that the Council of The Corporation of the Municipality of Central Elgin intends to designate the following property as a property of cultural heritage value or interest pursuant to section 29 of the Ontario Heritage Act, R.S.O. 1990, c. O.18:

The house on property known municipally as **232 Colborne Street** and legally described as **Part of Lot 6, West Side of Colborn Street, Plan 49, Former Village of Port Stanley, Municipality of Central Elgin**. All façades of the house are intended to be designated.

The full statements of cultural heritage value or interest is available in the Municipal Office at the Elgin County Administration Building, 450 Sunset Drive, 1st Floor, daily, Monday to Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. or on the municipal website, www.centralelgin.org, under "Public Notices".

Any person may, not later than **Friday, February 22nd, 2013**, serve on the Clerk of the Municipality of Central Elgin a **notice of objection** setting out the reasons for the objection and all relevant facts. When a notice of objection has been served, the Council shall refer the matter to the Conservation Review Board for a hearing and report.

DATED at the Municipality of Central Elgin this 23rd day of January, 2013.

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232 Colborne Street, Port Stanley

Architectural Qualities

The exact date of construction of the house at 232 Colborne Street is unknown, but believed to be mid-19th century. It is built in a modest, neo-classical design, with impressive design detailing, and reflects the Quaker influences in the region. Its architectural style is visually linked to the nearby Christ Church and St John's Presbyterian Church. The building measures 32 feet across the front and down the north side of the main section. There is a side piece to the south that is set back 6 feet from the front of the house and measures 16 feet in depth.

It is a simple, rectangular building with an extension built off to the south side. There are three symmetrical bays on the front facade, and a transom and plain pilasters frame the central entrance door. There is a gable roof line with returned eaves and deep but plain frieze extending across the front of the facade. The building appears to have either its original clapboard exterior, or it has been carefully repaired over the years. The building may be plain, but the high quality craftsmanship involved in its creation is evident.

Registry Office Materials and Historical Significance

The land on which 232 Colborne St is located was deeded by the Crown to John Bostwick in 1804. Bostwick sold the property to James Thomas shortly before his death in 1835. It was sold to the Thomson family in 1872, and then to the Goodwins in 1945.

The building has served as the community's first library from the 1870s until the early 20th century. While their names do not appear on the land use records, the property also housed the medical practices of Dr. Jackson and later Dr Clinton A. Bell, who served as the community physicians in the mid-1900s.

While the building is not a landmark, it does have a significant place in the history of the community. 232 Colborne St is one of the oldest and best maintained residential properties in the village of Port Stanley, and it represents the early period of economic and social growth and development, as well as the beginnings of residential development in early Port Stanley history.

Legal Description

232 Colborne Street

Part of Lot 6, W/S Colborn, Plan 49, Former Village of Port Stanley

Municipality of Central Elgin.

Designation will include the full exterior of the house.

