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IN THE MATTER OF THE ONTARIO HERITAGE ACT 1974, S.O.  
CHAPTER 122. AND IN THE MATTER OF THE LANDS AND  
PREMISES AT THE FOLLOWING MUNICIPAL ADDRESS (ES) IN THE  
PROVINCE OF ONTARIO

## NOTICE OF INTENTION TO DESIGNATE

TAKE NOTICE that the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Clinton intends to designate the properties, including lands and buildings, at the following municipal address as properties of architectural and historical value and interest under Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act, 1974, S.O. Chapter 122.

Town Hall, Town Library, and Library Park Lot 207, 208, 209 and Part 177, 210, 211 and Lane Plan 13, Town of Clinton.

### REASONS FOR PROPOSED DESIGNATION

The Clinton Town Hall and Library and the Library Park are recommended for designation for historical and architectural reasons. Collectively they comprise a handsome urban composition the centre of which is the Library Park, framed by the Town Hall to the south, the Library to the east and commercial blocks to the north and west. The spacious quality of the Park provides an apt setting for the elaborate and robust architectural design of the Library and Town Hall.

The Town Hall, built in 1880 is a large and imposing work of architecture, of brick construction, two stories in height with a mansard roof, a central belfry on the front elevation and a fire hose tower to the rear. The architectural detailing is particularly exuberant with semicircular arched window heads, ornate window fenestration, decoratively carved eaves brackets and coloured roof slates. The composition exudes a civic pride and confidence of a time in history when the Town was growing and prospering. This prosperity is manifest also in the commercial building of the same period, on Albert Street, Rattenbury and Victoria Streets. Today the Town Hall continues to be the municipal seat of government accommodating the Town Council Chamber, Municipal Office and various committee and storage rooms. The fire hall, once to the rear of the building at ground floor, is used as a Police Department. The second Floor comprises a large auditorium with a proscenium arched stage. The Auditorium has not been used for over 20 years, as it lacks adequate facilities for large assemblies of people including washrooms, cloak storage, fire escape, heating and lighting. The architectural quality of the auditorium is however striking with its tall side elevation windows, exposed hammer beam trusses and semi-circular proscenium arch.

The Town Library built in 1900 is a building of similar height and size as the Town Hall and equally as flamboyant. The first part, built in 1900 with money from James Stavelly, an early settler, comprises a two storey red brick composition on the north-east corner of which is a three storey tower with conical roof. The fenestration varies in shape and size, but all is virtually held together by a bold roofline and accentuated brick banding and voisoirs. The second smaller part of the Library was built in 1905 with funding from the Carnegie Foundation. This is situated on the south side and mirrors the first part with a circular corner reading room. The building is a worthy example of turn of the century building both functional and inspired in its design.

The Library Park is situated to the north and west of the Town Hall and Library and comprises a pleasant open space in the downtown area with a war memorial on the east side.

Any person may, within thirty days of the first publication of this notice, send by registered mail or deliver to the Clerk of the Town of Clinton notice of his or her objection to the proposed designation together with a statement of the reasons for the objection and all relevant facts. If such a Notice of Objection is received, the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Clinton shall refer the matter to the Conservation Review Board for a hearing.

**Dated at Clinton, Ontario  
this 17th day of October, 1978**

**C.C. Proctor**  
Clerk