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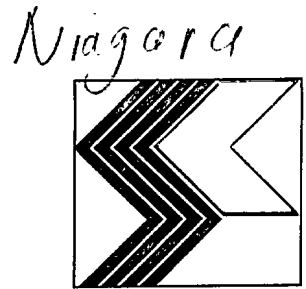
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# CITY OF ST. CATHARINES

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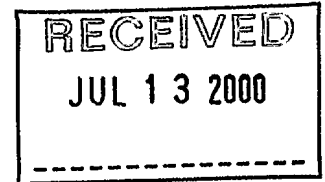
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To Whomever This May Concern:

Re: Intention to Designate 1590 St. Paul St. West  
Under the Ontario Heritage Act  
File No: 10.64.164

Please be advised that City Council at its regular meeting of July 10, 2000, resolved its intention to designate the above-noted property under the Ontario Heritage Act.

In giving notice pursuant to the provisions of the Ontario Heritage Act, I am enclosing a copy of a notice which is to be published in the St. Catharines Standard on July 29, 2000.

Subsequent to the 30 day appeal period required by the Ontario Heritage Act, provided no appeals are filed, City Council will enact a by-law designating the property as being of historic or architectural value and interest.

Please contact me at 688-5601, extension 1710, if you have any questions.

Yours truly,

Kevin Blozowski  
Planner I  
Planning Services Department

c.c. A. Poulin, City Solicitor  
K. Todd, City Clerk

Attach.

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## **NOTICE OF INTENTION TO DESIGNATE**

**TAKE NOTICE THAT** The Council of the Corporation of the City of St. Catharines intends to designate property to be of historic or architectural value and interest under the Ontario Heritage Act, R.S.O. 1990, Chapter 0.18, as follows:

### **1590 ST. PAUL STREET WEST**

Located on the south side of St. Paul Street West in the City of St. Catharines in the Regional Municipality of Niagara, formerly In the Township of Louth, being Part of Lot 6, Concession 5.

The following is a short statement of the reasons for the proposed designation:

### **HISTORY**

The building was constructed in 2 stages. The (original) stone part at the rear was built first and dates from around 1812 when the land was owned by Richard Phillips. Phillips received the land from The Crown in 1805 and eventually sold it to James Crooks in 1818. Captain John McCarthy purchased the land in 1828 from Crooks and 2 years later built a frame (clapboard) addition at the front of the house. He operated it as an inn and stage stop under the moniker "McCarthy's Tavern" from the early 1830's until at least 1837 (the last year he was registered as an innkeeper). Although never substantiated, it was rumored that McCarthy shot the man responsible for killing General Isaac Brock. John Johnson, a farmer of German decent, purchased the property from McCarthy in 1847.

### **ARCHITECTURE**

There are a number of design elements that suggest the section closest to the road, including the main facade, was built in the Georgian Vernacular Style. These include generally symmetrical elevations, five (5) bay front, two stories with centre hall plan, side gable roof (allowing for a half floor attic), paneled door, small-paned double hung windows, and central entry sidelights. The builder is not known.

This irregularly shaped, two storey building has two wings added on the south side, a kitchen and a garage, each constructed of clapboard walls. The medium gabled roof of the front section is trimmed with a boxed cornice, with a sloping soffit and frieze. The gabled ends are also trimmed and have decorative brackets with a pendant.

The main floor windows are plainly trimmed and feature a square bay window on the west side. The double hung windows are 12 over 12 (panes), typical of the Georgian Style. The end gables are accented by two half-circular fan windows. The door is located in the centre of the main

facade. It is flat with molded trim, a shelf and is not emblazed into the building. It also has side panels and a flush transom with a lantern set in the centre. The door itself is single eight-panel with a molded rail, raised panel and no glazing. The steps leading to the main door lead to a brick stoop with an entablature (small flat roof) above the door.

### **CONTEXT**

The house has historical significance as a social meeting place from its early beginnings as a tavern/inn/coach house to its present operation as a bed & breakfast. It is situated in a small, scenic residential enclave at St. Catharines' westernmost gateway on Highway 8, a former Indian Trail, and one of the oldest roads in the Region of Niagara. The property is also set amongst numerous mature trees (eg. horse chestnut) and landscaped grounds.

Notice of objection to the designation may be served on the Clerk of the City of St. Catharines within 30 days after the date of publication of this notice in a newspaper having general circulation in the Municipality.

For further details about the proposed designation, please contact Kevin Blozowski at 688-5601, extension 1710.

**DATED** at St. Catharines this 29<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2000.

**KENNETH R. TODD**

Director of Corporate Support Services  
Clerks Division