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CITY OF WOODSTOCK

CITY HALL
P.O. BOX 40
WOODSTOCK, ONT.
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June 2, 1976

Joseph & Julianna Schmidt
103 Fyfe Avenue
Woodstock, Ontario

Re: Ontario Heritage Act, 1974
Notice of Intention to
Designate property of
historic or architectural
value

Notice is hereby given that the Council of the Corporation of the City of Woodstock intends to designate as property of historic or architectural value or interest, the following property for the following reasons.

PROPERTY

Rev. W. H. Landon House
(The Hall)
55 Chapel Street

REASONS FOR DESIGNATION

At the time of building, 55 Chapel Street was one of the first and finest brick houses and was located in the centre of the village. It was built by Rev. W. H. Landon, from Batavia, N.Y., who arrived in the area about 1822, and was the first ordained pastor of the Baptist Chapel. He later became the first School Superintendent, Editor of the Western Progress, Vice-President of the Reading Society (forerunner of the Public Library) and finally the County Clerk.

In 1849 Lord Elgin, Governor General, on an official visit to Woodstock, was a guest in the Landon home. In 1851 Rev. Henry Revell and his wife occupied the house, having moved from Ingersoll. Church meetings were held and it was then known as The Hall. After Rev. Revell's death in 1870, Mrs. Revell conducted the first boarding school in the house. A son, Robert Revell, was mayor of Woodstock in 1876 and 1877.

Mr. Ben C. Parker, mayor in 1926-27,
resided in this house for several
years.

A person who objects to the proposed designation shall within thirty days after the date of the first publication of this notice serve on the City Clerk or Deputy Clerk, a notice of objection in writing, setting out the objection and all relevant facts.

Yours very truly,

J. McGinnis
Deputy City Clerk

JM/dm