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# TOWNSHIP OF WEST LINCOLN

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**CONSERVATION REVIEW  
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[REDACTED]  
694 Canboro Road,  
Canfield, Ontario.  
N0A 1C0

Dear Mr. & Mrs. Kemp:

**Re: Notice of Intention to Designate Property**

Please be advised that on July 16<sup>th</sup>, 2001, West Lincoln Council adopted the following recommendations from its July 10<sup>th</sup>, 2001 Planning/Building/ Environmental Committee meeting:

1. ITEM P100-01  
That, the West Lincoln Heritage Committee minutes of a meeting held on June 7<sup>th</sup>, 2001 be received and the recommendations contained therein be adopted.  
(includes Sisler Hotel – Reasons for Designation)
2. ITEM P101-01  
That the submission from the West Lincoln Heritage Committee entitled “The Sisler Hotel – Reasons for Designation” be received; and,

That the Township of West Lincoln Council support the designation of the Sisler Hotel (Kemp Home) as a Heritage property.

Please find attached a copy of the “Notice of Intention to Designate” which is to be inserted in the West Lincoln Review on August 4<sup>th</sup>, 2001.

If further information or clarification is required please do not hesitate to contact this office.

Yours truly

*C. Langley/ml*

Carolyn Langley,  
Deputy Clerk

cdl/Planning/planning 2001/letter to owens-Kemp re Sisler Hotel Designation  
Encl.

cc: Victoria Sisler, Chair – West Lincoln Heritage Committee  
Min. of Tourism, Culture & Recreation, 400 University Ave. 4<sup>th</sup> Flr, Toronto, ON..M7A 2R9  
Ontario Heritage Foundation, 10 Adelaide St. E. Toronto, Ontario. M5C 1J3

**THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WEST LINCOLN  
(LOGO)**

**NOTICE OF INTENTION TO DESIGNATE**

**NOTICE TO CITIZENS IN THE MATTER OF THE ONTARIO HERITAGE ACT  
AND IN THE MATTER OF THE LANDS AND PREMISES IN THE TOWNSHIP OF  
WEST LINCOLN KNOWN MUNICIPALLY AS PART LOT 10, CONCESSION 1,  
(694 REGIONAL ROAD 14), CANFIELD, ONTARIO, TOWNSHIP OF WEST LINCOLN**

**TAKE NOTICE** that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of West Lincoln intends to designate the following property, including land and building as a property of historic and architectural value and interest under Part IV of The Ontario Heritage Act, RSO 1990, Chapter 0-18:

Part Lot 10, Concession 1, 694 Regional Road 14, Canfield, Ontario, Township of West Lincoln.

**THE REASONS** for the proposed designation are set out in Schedule "A" annexed hereto.

**ANY PERSON** may, within thirty days of the publication of this notice, send by registered mail or deliver to the Clerk of the Corporation of the Township of West Lincoln notice of his or her objection to the proposed designation, together with a statement of reasons for the objection and all relevant facts. If such a Notice of Objection is received, the Council of the Corporation of the Township of West Lincoln will refer the matter to the Conservation Review Board for a hearing.

**Dated at the Township of West Lincoln this 4<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2001.**

S.A. Hayden, Clerk  
Township of West Lincoln  
318 Canborough St., Box 400  
Smithville, ON L0R 2A0

**SCHEDULE "A"  
REASONS FOR DESIGNATION**

To designate Part Lot 10, Concession 1, (694 Regional Road 14), Canfield, Ontario, Township of West Lincoln.

**Setting**

The Sisler Hotel, located at Part Lot 10, Concession 1, was built in 1867 by Charles and Edward Sisler as an inn and tailor shop at the junction of the Welland River and Canborough Road. It was an overnight stop for both boat and wagon travelers. The structure is an important visual landmark and has special, sentimental value to the community. It is also a key ingredient in forming the character of the surrounding streetscape and is compatible with the surrounding buildings. In 1868, Charles Sisler moved to Part Lot 13, Concession 1 and built a home for his family along the banks of the Welland River. This home is still standing today and descendants of Charles live there. This home was designated in 1993 for its architectural and historical significance to the community.

**Architecture**

The overall composition of the building is good. The exterior had very little detail and is still that way today. The architectural influences reflect the style of inns found in the area during that time period. The foundation is the original stone and is in good condition. The exterior is covered with vinyl siding protecting the original clapboards underneath. The windows have all been

replaced. The structure maintains its original form, no additions or demolitions have occurred and it is sound and well maintained. The building occupies its original site and the general character of the site remains unchanged.

**History**

The original 200 acre patent from the Crown was granted to Alexander Lymburner in 1798. It passed through several owners until 1862 when Charles Sisler purchased 1/3 of an acre from Thomas Street for the sum of £500. The building operated as an inn with various owners until 1915 when Henry & Phoebe Ann Martindale closed the hotel and sold the property to John Rahn. In 1923 Mr. Rahn opened a grocery store in one room. Gasoline and oil were also sold at this location. In 1947, Lawrence Hoffman and Gladys Hoffman (Rahn) purchased the property from the Rahn Estate and continued the business until 1969. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED], are the current owners of the property. Their children are the fifth generation [REDACTED]. In May 2001, the [REDACTED] reopened the store.

The Building has been the centre of the community for its entire history, first as an inn and then as a general store.



## THE SISLER HOTEL REASONS FOR DESIGNATION

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The building has been the centre of the community for its entire history, first as an inn and then as a general store. The West Lincoln Heritage Committee recommends that the Council of West Lincoln designate this structure for its historical and architectural significance to the community.

References:      Land Registry Documents  
                     Links With Our Past  
                     May Kemp (daughter of Lawrence & Gladys Hoffman)