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**R.S.O. 1990, CHAPTER 0.18  
AND IN THE MATTER OF THE PREMISES KNOWN AS  
1 CARDEN STREET  
OF THE CITY OF GUELPH  
IN THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO**

**NOTICE OF INTENTION TO DESIGNATE**

**TO:** Ontario Heritage Foundation  
The Ontario Heritage Centre  
10 Adelaide Street East  
Toronto, Ontario  
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**AND:** The Corporation of The City of Guelph  
City Hall  
59 Carden Street  
Guelph, Ontario  
N1H 3A1

**TAKE NOTICE THAT** the Council of the Corporation of the City of Guelph intends to designate portions of the building known as 1 Carden Street as a building of architectural and historical value and interest under Part IV of The Ontario Heritage Act, R.S.O. 1990, Chapter 0.18.

This stone structure is the remaining westerly portion of the Ontario Provincial Winter Fair building erected in 1900. As early as the 1850's Wellington County was noted as the centre of the stockbreeding industry in Ontario and became known as the "Smithfield of Canada" after the famous meat and cattle market in London, England. After hosting the predecessor to the Royal Winter Fair many times in the 1880's and 1890's, Guelph became the permanent home of this annual agricultural fair in 1900.

The original two storey limestone building now known municipally as 1 Carden Street covered over an acre stretching from City Hall to Wilson Street and was characterized by three cupolas and three sets of large doors on the Carden Street facade. The stonework was provided by Thomas Dobbie, a local builder. The north westerly part of the building served as the City's Fire Hall from 1900 to 1971, and presently houses the City of Guelph's Recreation and Parks Department and Business Development offices and the Loft.

Most of the original building was demolished in order to construct Guelph Memorial Gardens which opened on November 11, 1948. The addition provided in 1909 was

removed in 1968.

The designation for 1 Carden Street covers the entire Carden Street and Wilson Street facades of the remaining stone building including all door and window openings. Only the roofline over the north-westerly section of the building is designated, along with a one (1) metre wide portion of the flat roofline running parallel to Wilson Street. The designation also includes the one-storey, exposed easterly walls at the rear of the site.

**Any person may**, before the the 21st day of November 1997 , send by registered mail or deliver to the Clerk of the City of Guelph, notice of objection to this proposed designation, together with a statement of reasons for the objection and all relevant factors. If a notice of objection is received, the Council of the City of Guelph shall refer the matter to the Conservation Review Board for a hearing.

**DATED** at Guelph, Ontario this 22nd day of October, 1997.

Lois Giles  
City Clerk  
City Hall  
59 Carden Street  
Guelph, Ontario  
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