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IN THE MATTER OF THE ONTARIO HERITAGE ACT,  
R.S.O. 1990, CHAPTER 0.18  
AND IN THE MATTER OF THE PROPERTY KNOWN AS

"McLEAN HOUSE"  
21 NOTTINGHAM STREET

IN THE CITY OF GUELPH,  
IN THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO.

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO DESIGNATE

TO: Ontario Heritage Trust  
The Ontario Heritage Centre  
10 Adelaide Street East  
Toronto, Ontario  
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AND: [REDACTED]  
5 Douglas Street, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor  
Guelph, ON  
N1H 2S8

Attn: [REDACTED]

RE (21 Nottingham St.  
~~1453 Gordon Street~~)

TAKE NOTICE THAT the Council of the Corporation of the City of Guelph intends to designate ~~1453 Gordon Street~~ as a property of cultural heritage value and interest under Part IV of The Ontario Heritage Act, R.S.O. 1990, Chapter 0.18.

SHORT STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR DESIGNATION:

Built circa 1847, the McLean house is representative of residential architecture constructed within Guelph's first settlement district. The design value lies in it being an excellent example of 19<sup>th</sup> century residential architecture. Constructed of locally quarried limestone, the two storey city residence of Georgian proportions features elements such as ashlar masonry, hammer dressed lintels and rough-tooled sills.

The heritage value of the McLean House lies in its association with Dr. Henry Orton and more importantly, John McLean.

Dr. Orton originally purchased the property in October 1836. He was one of the founders of the Methodist Church in Guelph who worshipped on this site between 1835 and 1847.

Between 1847 and 1857, 21 Nottingham Street was the home of John McLean who settled his family in Guelph in 1846. McLean is a significant historical figure having worked for the Hudson's Bay Company from 1820 to 1846. He is credited with major explorations, including the overland crossing from Ungava Bay to Hamilton Inlet as well as the 'discovery' of Churchill Falls. McLean helped establish the Guelph Herald, a strong conservative newspaper and between 1851 and 1857, he also operated Guelph's first Bank from the house. It is reported that it was in this residence that McLean wrote his famous book, *Notes of a Twenty-Five Years' Service in the Hudsons Bay Territory* in 1849.

21 Nottingham is an excellent surviving example of early 19<sup>th</sup> century residential architecture in Guelph's first settlement district. The cultural association with a significant Canadian figure, John McLean, Canadian explorer and author and historical association as Guelph's first Methodist Church and first bank, highlights this property as a significant addition to the City of Guelph's designated properties.

ELEMENTS TO BE PROTECTED BY DESIGNATION

The following elements of 21 Nottingham Street are to be protected under Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act:

- The entire front façade, including the original door and window openings,
- The masonry of the side elevations of the original sections of the house,
- On the interior, the staircase handrail and newel post are identified.

It is intended that non-original features may be returned to documented earlier designs or to their documented original without requiring City Council permission for an alteration to the designation.

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**Further information** respecting the proposed designation is available by contacting:

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**Any person may**, before the 25th day of September, 2006, send by registered mail or deliver to the Clerk of the City of Guelph, a notice of objection to this proposed designation, setting out the reason for the objection and all relevant facts. 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 22<sup>nd</sup> day of August, 2006.

Lois Giles  
City Clerk  
City Hall, 59 Carden Street  
Guelph, Ontario N1H 3A1