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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

**1-7 DOUGLAS STREET
GUMMER BUILDING/BROWNLOW BLOCK**

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 St. East
Toronto, ON M5C 1J3

AND: Skyline Incorporated and Skyway Estates Inc.
c/o Jason Ashdown
70 Preston Street
Guelph, Ontario
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TAKE NOTICE THAT the Council of The Corporation of the City of Guelph is intending to designate portions of the property known as 1-7 Douglas Street, originally known as the Gummer Building/Brownlow Block as being of cultural heritage value or interest under Part IV of The Ontario Heritage Act, R.S.O. 1990, Chapter 0.18.

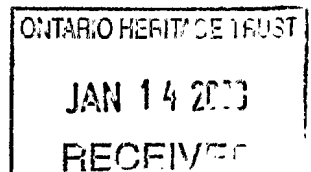
LOCATION:

The Gummer Building/Brownlow Block, located at 1-7 Douglas Street is situated near the north-east corner of St. George's Square at the intersection of Douglas, Quebec and Wyndham Streets, in the City of Guelph. The property consists of a four-storey limestone commercial building adjacent to the Victoria Hotel building to the south.

WHY THE PROPERTY IS BEING DESIGNATED:

The original building was constructed c. 1870 with the top floor and additions constructed in the late 1890's early 1900's. The Gummer Building/Brownlow Block is built of locally quarried limestone.

The property was first purchased by Jonas Ely from the Canada Company in 1843. William Brownlow, a carpenter owned the property in 1872 giving it its early reference name as the Brownlow Block. In 1905 Gertrude Gummer owned the building jointly with the Day family. Bertrum Gummer took on full ownership by 1912 and operated the Gummer Press, publishers of the Guelph Herald. Over the years the building has been used by barristers, insurance agents, retailers and artisans.



The façade at 1-7 Douglas Street is an excellent surviving example of 19th century stone commercial architecture. The Neo-Classic Vernacular/Italianate building has tooled stone sills, tooled lintels above the third and fourth floor windows and segmental-headed lintels above the second floor windows. There is also an impressive moulded cornice. Contextually the building plays a strategic role in the character of Douglas Street with stone buildings on both sides of the structure.

WHAT IS TO BE PROTECTED BY DESIGNATION:

- The exterior stone walls, including the front, side and rear walls;
- All original door and window openings, including sills, surrounds, and dressings for the buildings;
- The interior stone walls; and
- Interior elements salvaged and restored including safe doors, elevator cab and boiler face plate.

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

Further information respecting the proposed designation is available by contacting:

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Any person may, before the 11th day of February, 2008, 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 11th day of January, 2008.

Lois Giles,
City Clerk
City Hall, 59 Carden St.
Guelph, Ontario
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