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March 10, 2004

Ontario Heritage Foundation 10 Adelaide Street East Toronto, Ontario M5C 1J3

Dear Sir/Madam:

Re: Proposed Designation Under Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act The Chaffey-Fennessy House 52 Chaffey Street

Please find attached the corrected Notice of Intention to Designate for the property known as "The Chaffey-Fennessy House". The original Notice contained a cut and paste error and I apologize for any inconvenience this may have caused.

Yours very truly, ZINGER City Clerk

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Attachment

cc: Mr. George Chipman, Chair Ms. Nora Reid, L.A.C.A.C. Secretary





In the matter of the Ontario Heritage Act, R.S.O. 1990, Chapter 0.18

And in the matter of the structure and property known municipally as "The Chaffey-Fennessy House"

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO DESIGNATE

TAKE NOTICE THAT the Council of the Corporation of the City of Welland intends to designate the property known as "The Chaffey-Fennessy House" and located municipally at 52 Chaffey Street as a property of historical interest under Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act, R.S.O. 1990, Chapter 0.18.

REASONS FOR THE PROPOSED DESIGNATION:

Robert Chaffey, born at Stoke under Ham, Somersetshire, England, in 1844, was the grandson of Benjamin and Frances Chaffey who emigrated to Canada from Somerset about 1812. Robert came to the Welland area at age 26. The Chaffeys were an ancient English family with ancestors recorded in the Domesday book. After marrying Julianna McClelland in 1878 Robert farmed their acreage of 80 acres in Crowland Township and worked as a railroad switchman. He died in December 1915.

Robert's brothers George, Charles and William emigrated to California and founded the cities of Ontario, Etiwanda and Upland. George also founded Chaffey College of Agriculture in Chaffey, California. An engineer trained at Queen's University in Kingston, he became known as one of the master irrigation engineers of Western America. The brothers later emigrated to Mildura, Australia.

The Chaffeys subdivided their Crowland farm in 1909, and in addition to Chaffey Street, named other streets after the family: Beatrice Street for daughter Beatrice and Alberta Street for Alberta Topp, a McClelland relative. Shortly afterward they decided to build a new home and move from the original farm homestead (now 33 Beatrice Street).

George A. Mitchell, a relative of the Chaffey family, served as both architect and contractor for this two storey red brick house built at 52 Chaffey Street for Robert and Julianna Chaffey in 1913. It was constructed in the Edwardian Classical style of the early twentieth century and displays features typical of that style including a smooth brick exterior with stone accents, large paned front window with stained glass, and verandah with short colonettes set on brick piers. Inside it retains its original stained glass and oak woodwork throughout, including staircase, pocket and folding doors, and "dumb waiter".

Robert and Julianna Chaffey had five children: After Julianna Chaffey's death in 1932, the house was owned and occupied by

Notice of objection to the proposed designation may be filed with the Clerk of the Corporation of the City of Welland no later than the 12th day of April, 2004.

Dated at the City of Welland this 13th day of March, 2004.

CRAIG A. STIRTZINGER City Clerk City Hall, 411 East Main Street WELLAND, ON L3B 3X4