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# Office of the Clerk

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REGISTERED MAIL

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



Dear Sir/Madam:

Re: Notice of Intention to Designation under the Ontario Heritage Act – 36 Concession Road, Town of Fort Erie

Pursuant to Section 29(3) of the Ontario Heritage Act, enclosed please find a copy of the Notice of Intention to Designate lands as described therein.

Kindly notify us by May 5, 2003 if you have any objections to the proposed designation.

Yours wery truly

Carolyn G. Kett, A.M.C.T.

Town Clerk
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## IN THE MATTER OF THE ONTARIO HERITAGE ACT, R.S.O. 1990 CHAPTER 0.18, AS AMENDED AND

# IN THE MATTER OF LANDS AND PREMISES AT 36 CONCESSION ROAD, FORT ERIE

### NOTICE OF INTENTION TO DESIGNATE

TAKE NOTICE that the Municipal Council of the Town of Fort Erie intends to designate the property, including lands and buildings on the west side of Concession Road, south of Gilmore Road, described as Part Lot 1, Plan 24, NP 525 for the Town of Fort Erie and known municipally as 36 Concession Road, as property of architectural value or interest pursuant to Part IV of the *Ontario Heritage Act*, R.S.O. 1990, Chapter O.18, as amended.

#### REASONS FOR DESIGNATION

This two-storey "Queen Anne" style house sits on a fieldstone and cement foundation and was built in 1891 by Thomas F. Bown. Architect is not known. The clay brick is done in a Stretcher Bond, typical for that period, and has been painted. The brick starts at the foundation and goes to the top of the second storey, including the protruding two-storey bay at the front to the left of the main entrance. The main building is covered with a hip style roof that has a protruding overhang where the soffit is supported by Ornate Curved Roof Brackets which are highlighted with a Drop Pendent trim. A single storey addition was added to the back of the house in 1961.

The windows which have been replaced by more modern single pane double hung windows have a Victorian style curved brick arch above each window as well as above each entrance door. The south side of the house still has the original double flue brick chimney leading from the basement through the roof overhang. Above the front entrance door is the original stained glass Transom.

Inside the main front door is a right hall design which leads directly up the original staircase with a quarter circle windowing to the left at the top. The Polygon Newell Post supports a Cyma Hand Rail that sits on Turned Balusters. The Cyma Reverse stair treads sit on stringers with Ornamental String Brackets decorating the side

The first and second floor has had the original ten foot ceilings restored along with a beautiful patterned tin ceiling in the Living Room. The Living Room has the original Marble encased fire place restored and in working order. Much of the original twelve inch high baseboard, door and window trim still exists throughout the house.

#### General Information

The Land Titles have been researched back to the original Crown Patent in 1796.

This House was built by Thomas Bown (1856-1939) who arrived in Fort Erie as a boy with his parents Enock and Esther Southeran Bown from Brantford.

Thomas Bown bought the land from John Shaw in 1889 and moved into his new house after his marriage to Amelia Jeckel in 1891. They had two children: Frederick Thomas (1892-1969) and George Albert (1897-1964).

Upon Thomas Bown's death in 1939 the house passed on to his wife who in turn left it to George Albert in 1947. It was sold in 1953 ending 62 years of Bown ownership.

Thomas and his family are buried in St. Paul's cemetery.

Any person may within thirty (30) days after the date of the publication of this Notice of Intention to Designate (by May 5, 2003), serve on the Clerk of the Town of Fort Erie Notice of Objection to the Intention to Designate setting out the reasons for the objection and all relevant facts. If such a Notice of Objection is received, the Corporation of the Town of Fort Erie shall refer the matter to the Conservation Review Board for a hearing. However, any person who has served a Notice of Objection may withdraw the objection at any time before the conclusion of the hearing into the matter by serving a Notice of Withdrawal on the Clerk of the Town of Fort Erie. Where no Notice of Objection is served, the Council shall consider a by-law to designate the aforesaid property on May 12, 2003.

Dated at Fort Erie, Ontario this 5th day of April, 2003

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