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April 12, 2000

Ministry of Citizenship, Culture and Recreation
77 Bloor Street West, 2nd Floor
Toronto ON M7A 2R9

Attn: Nancy Smith

Dear Ms. Smith:

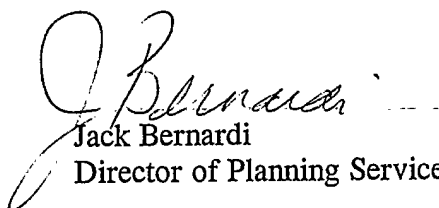
Re: Comfort Maple

In accordance with Section 31 of Ontario Heritage Act, R.S.O. 1990, Chapter O.18, please
find enclosed herewith the Notice of Intention to Designate the above noted tree.

Yours very truly,

TOWN OF PELHAM

JB/her
Encl.


Jack Bernardi
Director of Planning Services

TOWN OF PELHAM **PUBLIC NOTICE**

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

And in the matter of the property referred to as the "Comfort Maple" tree

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO DESIGNATE

Take notice that the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Pelham intends to designate the "Comfort Maple" tree, located on part of the lands described as Part Lot 12, Concession 6, designated as Part 2 on Plan 59R-4007, fronting on the south side of Metler Road and Cream Street and municipally known as 1732 Cream Street, as a tree of architectural and historical interest under Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act, R.S.O. 1990, Chapter 0.18.

REASON FOR THE PROPOSED DESIGNATION:

The Town of Pelham is indeed fortunate to have a tree such as the Comfort Maple in our community. It has strong historical significance and is believed to be the oldest and largest sugar maple tree in Canada. The Comfort Maple has been on the Honour Roll of Trees of the Ontario Forestry Association for more than 20 years. In 1974 the tree was recognized by the International Shade Tree Growers Association, who also commended the N.P.C.A. for their vision and foresight in preserving the Comfort Maple for posterity.

The Comfort Maple is a Pelham Landmark; its importance and significance have been recognized through its use on the front of Pelham's tourism brochure for 1999 and has been incorporated into the Coat of Arms for the Town of Pelham since 1979 as a symbolic emblem of Pelham's place in Canada.

The Comfort family owned the land where the Comfort Maple stands since 1816. Robert Comfort was a UEL (United Empire Loyalist); originally the land belonged to Major David Secord of St. David's, brother-in-law of Laura Secord, and the Comfort Maple was part of a 100-acre Crown Grant to Secord in 1808.

The tree is a source of pride for the Comfort family, the citizens of Pelham, the Niagara Region and beyond. The designation of this tree is an opportunity for the Town of Pelham to officially recognize the contributions of volunteer groups and individuals such as the Niagara Peninsula Conservation Authority, the Comfort family, and the current owner of the Comfort Maple, Dr. Paul Coyne, who have given so much to the community.

Notice of objection to the proposed designation may be filed with the Clerk of the Corporation of the Town of Pelham not later than the 12th day of May, 2000.

Dated at the Town of Pelham)
this 12th day of April, 2000 A.D.)

Cheryl Miclette, Clerk
Corporation of the Town of Pelham