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IN THE MATTER OF THE ONTARIO HERITAGE ACT, 1974, S.O. CHAPTER 122

AND IN THE MATTER OF THE LANDS AND PREMISES KNOWN MUNICIPALLY AS 416 CENTRE STREET SOUTH, IN THE TOWN OF WHITBY IN THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO DESIGNATE

To: The Ontario Heritage Eoundation, 77 Bloor Street West, Toronto, Ontario M7A 2R9

TAKE NOTICE that the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Whitby intends to designate the property, including lands and buildings, known municipally as 416 Centre Street South as a property of architectural and historical value and interest under Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act, 1974, S.O. Chapter 122.

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The Ontario County Court House, commonly known as the Centennial Building, is recommended for designation for historical reasons because it served as the headquarters for County officials and the meeting place of County Council and all court proceedings for Ontario County from 1854 to 1964. The County Court House was built by contractor James Wallace, Whitby's second Mayor and prominent local personality. The cornerstone was laid on June 30th, 1853, by the Free Masons Lodge, the first such ceremony in Whitby's history. In 1967, the Court House was refurbished as a Centennial Project.

The Ontario County Court House is also recommended for designation for architectural reasons. It was designed by Frederick Cumberland and William Storm, prominent Canadian architects, in the Classic Greek Revival Style of architecture. Outstanding exterior features include: doric columns, a simple entablature and elegant pediment, ionic style capitals under unique wood-constructed cupola, ornamental stonework not common in other buildings of this style. Interior features include: the fine woodwork on the central stairwell, cast iron doors and window shutters, the window and door mouldings in the former courtroom, and the wood panelling and cast iron corinthian columns also in the former courtroom.

Any person may, before the thirtieth day of August, 1979, send by registered mail or deliver to the Clerk-Administrator of the Town of Whitby notice of his or her objection to the proposed designation, together with a statement of the reasons for the objection. When a Notice of Objection has been received, the Council of the Town of Whitby will refer the matter to the Conservation Review Board for a hearing and report.

Dated at the Town of Whitby Municipal Building this first day of August, 1979.

Wm It. Wallace per Clerk-Administrator of the Town of