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CITY OF PORT COLBORNE
Municipal Offices
66 Charlotte Street
Port Colborne, Ontario
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IN THE MATTER OF THE ONTARIO HERITAGE ACT, R.S.O. 1990, CHAPTER O.18
AND IN THE MATTER OF THE LANDS AND PREMISES LOCATED WITHIN
THE CITY OF PORT COLBORNE IN THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO DESIGNATE

TO: Ontario Heritage Foundation
10 Adelaide Street
Toronto, ONT
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TAKE NOTICE that the Council of the Corporation of the City of Port Colborne intends to designate the property, including lands and buildings, at the following municipal address as a property of historical and architectural value of interest under Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act, R.S.O. 1990, Chapter O.18.

1001 Firelane 1
Pt Lot 25, Pt Lot 26, Plan 19 now known as Plan 778
The Chew House

REASONS FOR THE PROPOSED DESIGNATION

The property that the Chew House stands on was first granted by the Crown in 1802 to the Kinsey family as Lot 19, Concession One in the former Township of Humberstone. The Kinsey's held the land until May 15th, 1897, when it was deeded to Frank Fulton Brown. Between 1901 and 1902, Mr. Brown built the City's first summer residence on the property, just inside the west entrance gates off Lorraine Road, near the junction of Lakeshore Road. Two large, stone arches, also built by Frank Brown, led to the private road into the settlement known as Lorraine. This summer community evolved into a premiere settlement extending from Lorraine Road to Weaver Road along the north shore of Lake Erie. Not only is the property of historic cultural importance, but architecturally speaking, the Chew House exemplifies the unique style of the Richardsonian Romanesque architecture. This style was designed by Henry Hobson Richardson, a prominent American Architect from 1880 to 1900. Prominent features of this style that are evident on the dwelling include the large stone columns on the front and rear of the house, the cavernous front entry deeply set within the columns, and the exterior stone wall facade with semicircular arches. Due to the American influenced Richardsonian Romanesque architectural style, very few buildings exhibit this style in the Province of Ontario and is the only such example in the City of Port Colborne.

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE any person may, within thirty days of after the date of publication of this notice, send by registered mail or deliver to the Clerk of the City of Port Colborne notice of his or her objection to the proposed designation together with a statement setting out the reasons for the objection and all relevant facts. If such Notice of Objection is received, the Council of the Corporation of the City of Port Colborne shall refer the matter to the Conservation Review Board for a hearing.

Dated at the City of Port Colborne this 11th day of February, 2003.

Janet Beckett
City Clerk