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CITY of STRATFORD

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November 28, 1994

IN THE MATTER OF THE ONTARIO HERITAGE
ACT, R.S.O. 1980, CHAPTER 337

AND IN THE MATTER OF THE LANDS AND PREMISES
AT THE FOLLOWING MUNICIPAL ADDRESS IN THE
CITY OF STRATFORD IN THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO DESIGNATE

To: Ontario Heritage Foundation
10 Adelaide Street, East
Toronto, Ontario
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TAKE NOTICE that the Council of the Corporation of the City of Stratford intends to designate the property at the following municipal address as a property of architectural and historical value or interest under Part IV, of The Ontario Heritage Act, R.S.O. 1980, Chapter 337.

76 Queen Street

Reasons for Designation:

Historical:

The residence at 76 Queen Street was built the summer of 1884 for James Trow Jr., son of James Trow Esquire M.P. for South Perth. James Jr. served as a member of Stratford City Council. He and his twin brother Thomas were brokers, conveyancers and auctioneers and were recorded in 1902 as conducting a large and successful business under the name of Messrs. Trow Bros.

After James Trow Jr. died, his son Lt.-Col. Rolph Meredith Trow occupied 76 Queen with his wife and family. R.M. Trow served and commanded the Perth Regiment during W.W.I; in 1944 he was chairman of the Stratford Rehabilitation Committee; he served 30 years on Stratford General Hospital board of directors, five of those years as chairman; he was elected president of the Perth Mutual Fire Insurance Company, later becoming honorary chairman; he was a long time member of the Perth County Board of Education; in 1953 he was elected to the executive of the Canadian Woolen and Knit Good Manufacturers Association. 76 Queen Street was the home of the Trow family from 1884 to 1977 and is commonly referred to as the Old Trow House.

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Architectural

Exterior:

76 Queen is a red brick Italianate style home. The original portion was built in 1884, with further additions and a verandah added at later dates.

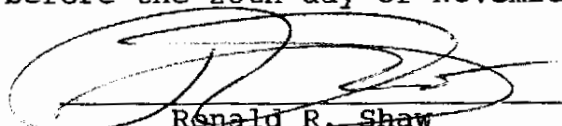
On the front facade, a two storey bay with double hung wood frame windows is topped with iron cresting. All the double hung windows in the front portion of the house are original. Bracket and cornice detailing are important elements in the style of the house. Clear leaded glass sidelights and a clear leaded semi-elliptical transom window surround the front entrance in the foyer. The verandah was added after the original house was built. It is in the neo-classical style which was popular between 1905-1910. On the south facade of the one-storey room near the east corner of the house is a Dutch Bay and a course of clear leaded glass windows which continue on the east wall of the verandah. A circular attic window is present in the north and south sides. All the above mentioned features are significant and are included in the designation.

Interior:

The livingroom, dining room and entrance hall each feature plaster medallions. Distinctive plaster ceiling cornices are seen in the livingroom and dining room. The entrance hall has a plaster cornice of alternating rosette and dentil design. The stairway and wood bannister are a main feature of the entrance hall. The archway in the entrance hall displays decorative plaster bracket detailing. Wide baseboards and mouldings around windows and doorways are intact. A stone fireplace with a carved art nouveau design is seen on the west wall of the livingroom (all the above features are documented on film). Each of the the above features are significant and worthy of being included in the designation.

Notice of objection to the proposed designation, together with a statement of the reasons for the objection and all relevant facts, shall be served on the Clerk of the City of Stratford, before the 28th day of November, 1994.

DATED at the City of Stratford
this 28th day of November, 1994


Ronald R. Shaw
City Clerk-Administrator