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**CITY of
STRATFORD**
Corporate Services

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IN THE MATTER OF THE ONTARIO HERITAGE ACT
SECTION 29, R.S.O. 1990, CHAPTER 0.18

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: [REDACTED]
15 Norman Street
STRATFORD ON N5A 5R6

AND TO: Ontario Heritage Foundation
10 Adelaide Street East
TORONTO ON M5C 1J3

Ministry of Citizenship, Culture and Recreation
Heritage & Libraries Branch
400 University Avenue, 4th Floor
TORONTO ON M7A 2R9

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TAKE NOTICE that 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 Section 29, of the *Ontario Heritage Act, R.S.O. 1990, Chapter 0.18*:

15 Norman Street, Stratford – Reasons for Designation

15 Norman Street, built in 1851, was the manse of the first Free Church of Scotland built in Stratford. The manse and church, now since gone, were constructed at the same time by Reverend Thomas MacPherson. 15 Norman Street is one of the two oldest brick buildings that are researched in Stratford.

Built in the Georgian Revival style, this symmetrical building has five bays with a centre hall plan. The entrance is flanked by sidelights with transom windows above and eyebrow windows in the roof over the entrance. Six over six windows create the illusion of "French" windows because of the heavy centre.

The structure, which at first appears to be a single storey, is really a 1½ storey building, which displays a practical layout and is of excellent construction. The original brickwork is in good condition considering its age and overall the building is in a good state of repair. The porch may have been added later.

The building stands elevated on a triangular site which looks towards the river. It would have been the first residence in this neighbourhood and along with its church would have set the pattern for development in the immediate area.

The entire structure is designated due to its age and architectural significance.

Another reason for designation is the buildings historical significance and the association with Reverend Thomas MacPherson, who lived in the manse. One of six missionaries sent to British North America in 1849, he was responsible for the establishment of the Free Presbyterian Church in Stratford. During his 28 years here he was largely responsible for the erection of two churches, the one on Norman Street and Knox Presbyterian Church. MacPherson was an early pioneer and settler in Stratford. Both he and his family were very prominent in everything to do with the community's development in those early Stratford days. His arrival in Canada would have significant impact on the establishment of the Presbyterian Church, both in Canada and in Stratford.

All exterior components of this structure are designated due to its age and architectural significance. These include, but are not limited to exterior brickwork, original windows and storms, front entrance door, sidelights, and transom with casing, porch and porch components.

If any person wishes to object to the proposed designation, a Notice of Objection, together with a statement of the reasons for the objection and all relevant facts, must be served on the Clerk of the City of Stratford NO LATER THAN 4:30 p.m. on March 1st, 2001. The *Ontario Heritage Act* provides that where a notice of objection has been served on the Clerk, the Council shall refer the matter to the Conservation Review Board for a hearing.

DATED at the City of Stratford
this 30th day of January, 2001.


Joan L. Thomson – City Clerk