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CITY of STRATFORD

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

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CONSERVATION REVIEW
BOARD

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:

86 Milton Street
STRATFORD ON N5A 3V1

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

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

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*:

86 MILTON STREET, STRATFORD – REASONS FOR DESIGNATION

ARCHITECTURAL DETAILS:

Gothic house; along with 80 and 90 Milton likely established a standard of development in the area near railway station and yards; extremely pleasing aesthetic design; two storey gable with decorative bargeboard; very early addition at rear (summer kitchen) of well-matched brick shows good choice of materials all around; excellent craftsmanship and materials; original yellow brick on stone foundation in excellent repair; original two/two windows with arched top; original wood soffits and decorative bargeboard; excellent use of materials and well-maintained; character of site essentially unchanged; building still quite conspicuous in neighbourhood; very good example compared to other buildings in Stratford of similar style; functional design of building good.

EXTERIOR ELEMENTS WORTHY OF DESIGNATION:

All brickwork - including early addition at rear; original windows, sills, and storm windows; bay window at front (south side) of house; original decorative bargeboard (vergeboard) under front gable; original wood soffits.

INTERIOR ELEMENTS WORTHY OF DESIGNATION:

Much of interior still original; pine floors front rooms first floor; original interior doors first floor; original window and door casings and baseboards first floor; staircase.

HISTORY OF HOUSE:

Built 1875 by George McFadden. Research would appear to indicate that Mr. McFadden owned Lots 36 and 37. He lived at what is now 80 Milton Street and it seems reasonable to speculate that he built 86 and 90 Milton as houses that he could rent. The proximity of the railway station and yards provided a rental market for the house by workers at the GTR and CNR.

OWNERS OF THE HOUSE:

- *George McFadden (1841 - 1916; Died Nov. 13, 1916, age 75) Owned the house 1875 - 1916; Est. to 1919 (44 years)*
- *Arthur Lansbury (1869 - 1947; Died Jan. 3, 1947, age 78) Owned the house 1920 -1946; Est. to 1947 (27 years)*
- *Russell Sarvis (1897 - 1985; Died Dec. 7, 1985, age 88) Owned the house 1948 - 1985 (37 years)*
- *These three owners account for 108 years of the house's 128 year history. Because it was owned for so long by only these three people it seems reasonable to assume that it was a well-known part of the streetscape.*
- *George McFadden, the builder of the house, was one of Stratford's pioneer settlers. He came directly to Stratford from Tyrone, Ireland, in 1856 when he was fifteen years old. He was a teamster by trade. He never married.*
- *Arthur Lansbury came to Canada, in 1910, from England. He worked in the freight shed of the CNR from August 1910 to his retirement in 1934. He joined the #1 Construction Battalion of the Canadian Overseas Expeditionary Force in July of 1916. He was the brother of the Rt. Hon. George Lansbury who was the leader of the Labour Party in the British House of Commons and a famous pacifist who visited the United States in 1936 and, among other things, proposed the establishment of a League of Nations on the model of the American Federal Government. Mr. Arthur Lansbury was also the uncle of the actress, Angela Lansbury.*
- *Russell Sarvis was born in Stratford in 1897 and was a lifelong resident of the city. He worked as a sheet metal worker with the CNR prior to retiring in 1962. In 1914, he enlisted with the 18th Battalion, Canadian Expeditionary Force. He served in France and was discharged in November, 1918. He was a member of the Ontario Street Baptist Church, a member of the Royal Canadian Legion, Stratford Branch 8 and a member of the Army, Navy and Air Force Unit 261.*

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 29, 2004. 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 28th day of February 28, 2004.


Joan L. Thomson – City Clerk