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THE CORPORATION OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF CENTRAL ELGIN

**Notice of Intention to Designate a Property under the Ontario Heritage Act
467 Sunset Drive (Former St. Thomas Psychiatric Hospital)**

TAKE NOTICE that the Council of The Corporation of the Municipality of Central Elgin intends to designate the following property, **467 Sunset Drive, Municipality of Central Elgin**, (former St. Thomas Psychiatric Hospital) as a property of cultural heritage value or interest pursuant to section 29 of the Ontario Heritage Act, R.S.O. 1990, c. O.18. The entire façade of the following buildings are intended to be designated: Administration Building (B12120), Hospital Group of Buildings (B12123, B12124 and B12125), Medical Building (B12126), Dining Hall (B12127), Elgin Building (B12128), Tri-County Building (B12129) and Kitchen (B17901). In addition to the exterior façades, the interior foyer of the Administration Building is intended to be designated. Finally, the site and landscape of the property is intended to be designated.

Both the architecture and the landscape of the complex are in an early modernist style, reflecting its mid-20th Century origins. The most significant feature of the site is the quality of its design and craftsmanship. The complex is one of the best surviving and most intact examples of architect William Lyon Somerville's work. The complex also stands as an excellent example of Ontario's inter-war public architectural program that was seeking to upgrade its medical institutions and provide modern services in up-to-date facilities. The complex, with its long spines, supporting the administrative and medical services, reflects a disciplined application of Beaux-Arts planning principles, adapted to meet contemporary needs for flexibility and future expansion.

The St. Thomas Psychiatric Hospital complex was ambitious in scale and modern in intention, setting the model for mental health centres in the province for the next 30 years. It was built in 1937-39 and, although immediately taken over by the Department of National Defence for use as a flight training centre during the Second World War, it reverted to a psychiatric hospital immediately after the war.

The full statement of cultural heritage value or interest is attached. A copy of the statement is available in the Municipal Office at the Elgin County Administration Building, 450 Sunset Drive, 1st Floor, daily, Monday to Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. or on the municipal website, www.centralelgin.org, by clicking the "Notices-Other" Quick Link on the homepage.

Any person may, not later than **Thursday, April 11th, 2019**, serve on the Clerk of the Municipality of Central Elgin a **notice of objection** setting out the reasons for the objection and all relevant facts. When a notice of objection has been served, the Council shall refer the matter to the Conservation Review Board for a hearing and report.

DATED at the Municipality of Central Elgin this 12th day of March, 2019.

Donald N. Leitch
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