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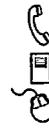


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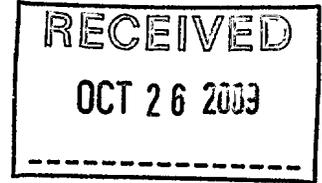
October 23, 2009

**REGISTERED MAIL**

Catherine Axford  
Ontario Heritage Trust  
10 Adelaide Street East  
Toronto, ON M5C 1J3

Dear Catherine Axford:

**SUBJECT: Notice of Intention to Designate (2084 Old Lakeshore Road)  
Burlington Post October 23, 2009  
File: 130 'lacac'**



In the Matter of the *Ontario Heritage Act* and in the matter of the lands in the City of Burlington known municipally as 2084 Old Lakeshore Road, notice is hereby given that the City of Burlington intends to designate the above-noted property as a property of cultural heritage value or interest.

A description of the property with a statement explaining the cultural heritage value or interest of the property and a description of the heritage attributes of the property are attached to this letter. Further information respecting the proposed designation may be viewed in the Clerks Department, Main Floor, City Hall, 426 Brant Street, during regular business hours.

Any person may, within 30 days after the date of the publication of this notice, serve written notice of objection to the proposed designation, together with a statement for the objection and all relevant facts.

Should you have any questions in this regard, kindly contact Jennifer Shaw, Committee Clerk at 905-335-7600 ext. 7413.

Yours truly,

Jennifer Shaw  
COMMITTEE CLERK

Enclosure

- c. Alana Mullaly, Planning Department  
Jane Ann Newson, Heritage Burlington (Chair)

## NOTICE OF INTENTION TO DESIGNATE

IN THE MATTER OF THE *ONTARIO HERITAGE ACT* AND IN THE MATTER OF the lands in the City of Burlington known municipally as 2084 Old Lakeshore Road,

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City of Burlington intends to designate the above-noted property as a property of cultural heritage value or interest.

A Description of the Property, a Statement of Cultural Heritage Value or Interest, a Legal Description, and a key map showing the location of the lands to which the intended designation applies are attached.

### **Description of Property:**

2084 Old Lakeshore Road is located within the Old Lakeshore Road Precinct. The property is bound by Old Lakeshore Road to the north, Rambo Creek to the east, Lake Ontario to the south and Pearl Street to the west. The property supports a 2-storey building, constructed, in a 3-bay Georgian style. The building is clad in aluminum siding, has replacement windows, and some original/early wooden millwork (eaves and porch scrollwork). There are several later additions to the south and east elevations.

### **Statement of Cultural Heritage Value or Interest:**

The property at 2084 Old Lakeshore Road is recommended for designation pursuant to Part IV of the *Ontario Heritage Act* based on its design value, its historical and associative value and its contextual value. The heritage resources of interest are the original central and westerly building masses. Heritage attributes include the massing of the original central and westerly building masses, building elements reflective of the Georgian period, the covered north-facing verandah with decorative Regency style scrollwork and the wooden eaves.

Constructed prior to 1870 in the Georgian style, the Estaminet building is a 3-bay frame structure with a truncated hipped roof, simple lines and minimal adornment reflective of the Georgian period in Canada (1820-1850). Over the decades the building has been enlarged to accommodate an expanding service commercial use. Period details including the porch, wooden eaves, and proportion of the openings (including the central entry with demi-sidelights and transom) remain.

The "Estaminet Standard Hotel" opened, with four tables, under the management of George and Emma Byrens in 1919. From the outset, the Estaminet was billed and regarded as "Canada's House of Hospitality" serving patrons including: Louis St. Laurent, L.B. Pearson, John Diefenbaker, Barbara Ann Scott, Robert Service, A.Y. Jackson, Louis Armstrong, Jackie Robinson, Mickey Mantle, and Liberace.

2084 Old Lakeshore Road contributes to our contemporary understanding of the evolution of Burlington's agrarian and port history. The Estaminet has weathered the

evolution of Wellington Square's/downtown Burlington's shift from an agrarian and related manufacturing-based economy to an economy deeply rooted in the area's identity as a hub of service commercial and entertainment land uses.

Note that the building masses to the east and south of the original mass are not recognized as part of the property's cultural heritage value.

**Legal Description:**

Pin 07061-0020, Lot 3 Blk U Plan 92; Pt Lot 2 Blk U Plan 92; Part Lot 4 Blk U Plan 92 being Part 1 20R6399; City of Burlington, Regional Municipality of Halton.

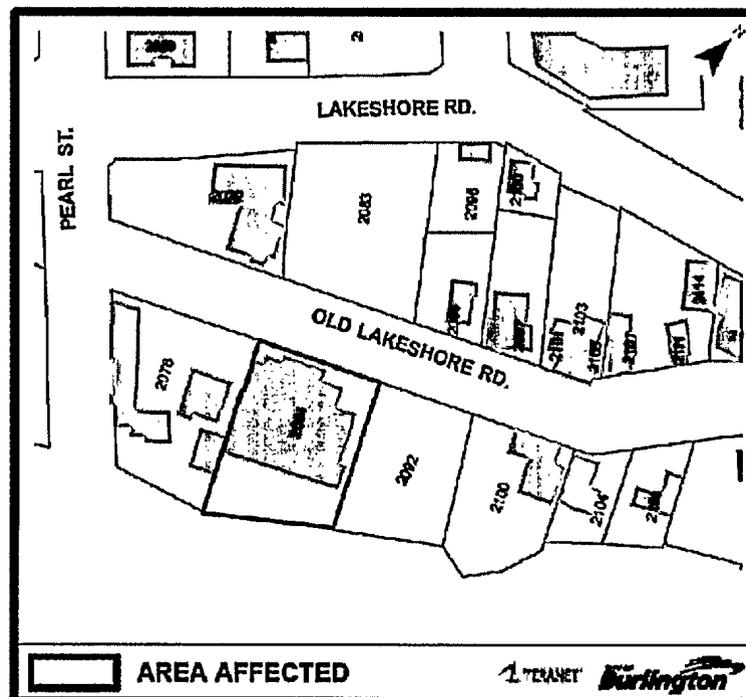
Further information respecting the proposed designation is available for viewing in the Clerks Department, Main Floor, City Hall, 426 Brant Street, during regular business hours.

Any person may, within 30 days after the date of the publication of this notice, serve written notice of objection to the proposed designation, together with a statement for the objection and all relevant facts.

Dated at the City of Burlington this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of October, 2009.

Jennifer Shaw, Committee Clerk, The Corporation of the City of Burlington, 426 Brant Street, P.O. Box 5013, Burlington, Ontario, L7R 3Z6.

**Key Map:**



**Statement of Significance**  
2084 Old Lakeshore Road - "Estaminet Standard Hotel"

***Description of Historic Place***

2084 Old Lakeshore Road is located within the Old Lakeshore Road Precinct. The property is bound by Old Lakeshore Road to the north, Rambo Creek to the east, Lake Ontario to the south and Pearl Street to the west. The property supports a 2-storey building, constructed prior to 1870, in a 3-bay Georgian style. The building is clad in aluminum siding, has replacement windows, and some original/early wooden millwork (eaves and porch scrollwork). There are several later additions to the south and east elevations.

***Cultural Heritage Value***

The cultural heritage value of the Estaminet Standard Hotel (Estaminet) building lies in its design value, its historical and associative value and its contextual value.

***Physical or Design Value:***

Constructed prior to 1870 in the Georgian style, the Estaminet building is a 3-bay frame structure with a truncated hipped roof, simple lines and minimal adornment reflective of the Georgian period in Canada (1820-1850). Photographs from the early 20<sup>th</sup> century depict a 3-bay window projecting from the easterly elevation in a polygonal design. The north-facing (front) covered porch with slight bell cast roof and detailed scrollwork remains. It is likely that the bay window (no longer extant) and the porch were added to the structure in the very late 19<sup>th</sup> century/early 20<sup>th</sup> century. A single masonry chimney at the north easterly corner of the building is shown in early photographs. A chimney remains in this location today (of early to mid-20<sup>th</sup> century construction).

Over the decades the building has been enlarged to accommodate an expanding service commercial use. The original building masses, however, remain and are clearly distinguishable from the later additions to the south and east. Period details including the porch, wooden eaves, and proportion of the openings (including the central entry with demi-sidelights and transom) remain.

***Historical and Associative Value:***

The property was originally purchased from Joseph Brant by the Gage family as part of a 338 acre parcel. In the early to mid 1800's, Andrew Gage inherited a portion of the Gage acreage which included the lands presently known as 2084 Old Lakeshore Road. A dwelling was constructed on the property (it is believed that this residence is the building that remains on the property today, making the Estaminet building among the oldest remaining buildings within the City).

In 1870, the property was purchased by Lieutenant-Colonel William Kerns. William Kerns made substantial contributions to both the political and mercantile history of Burlington, serving twice as the Reeve of the Village of Burlington (1879-1882, 1899-1905), a trustee of the local school board, and a long-term business partner of John Waldie and Company (together owned

the General Store at present day 2021 Lakeshore Road). He was elected to the Provincial Legislature as Halton's representative as a member of the Conservative Party in 1883 and served the electorate in this capacity until 1898. Kerns owned the property until 1917 when it was purchased from his estate by Mr. Harold Lazier, an adjacent landowner.

The "Estaminet Standard Hotel" opened, with four tables, under the management of George and Emma Byrens in 1919 (the property continued under the ownership of Mr. Harold Lazier until 1930 when it was purchased by Ms. Emma Byrens). During Ms. Byrens' proprietorship the restaurant expanded and flourished to international notoriety. Following her retirement in 1952, Ms. Byrens sold the property to Reginald Cooper who operated it until 1963 when it was taken over by his son Brian. The younger Mr. Cooper made several enlargements to the building yet was able to maintain the comfortable atmosphere that the Byrens had created. The property has since changed ownership several times.

From the outset, the Estaminet was billed and regarded as "Canada's House of Hospitality" serving patrons including: Louis St. Laurent, L.B. Pearson, John Diefenbaker, Barbara Ann Scott, Robert Service, A.Y. Jackson, Louis Armstrong, Jackie Robinson, Mickey Mantle, Liberace, John Robarts, and Bill Davis. International dignitaries and local residents alike have signed the Estaminet guest books dating from 1919 (these remain within the Joseph Brant Museum Collection).

The establishment has figured prominently in both civic and social life serving as an important venue for long-standing service clubs including the Zonta Club, the Free Masons, the Lion's Club, and the Rotary Club. Generations of Burlingtonians have celebrated milestone events at the Estaminet: weddings, anniversary celebrations, New Year's celebrations and retirement parties too great to number. Further, events including a landing/farewell party for the officers and crew of HMCS Burlington (1941), official opening ceremony of the present day City Hall building, Miss Canada events, countless fund raisers and bridge parties, have all entrenched the Estaminet in the socio-cultural landscape of Burlington and beyond.

The building has operated continuously as a restaurant since 1919 and is today known as the "Water Street Cooker". "Emma's Back Porch", named for the original proprietor, is a more casual restaurant operated within the later additions to the original building.

#### *Contextual Value:*

In the late 19<sup>th</sup> and early 20<sup>th</sup> century, Burlington's waterfront lands were dotted with hotels, restaurants and drinking establishments, including the well-known "Ocean House Hotel" (at Burlington Beach), and the "Brant Inn" (at present day Spencer Smith). The construction of the radial electric line and the paving of the Lakeshore Highway (presently Lakeshore Road) in the early 20<sup>th</sup> century opened up Burlington Beach and the former Wellington Square to Regional traffic seeking high end dining and entertainment. Opening in 1919, the Estaminet was well situated within "the Square" to attract travelers from the U.S. border, Hamilton and Toronto. Less grand than its earlier counterparts, the Estaminet is the only such lakefront establishment that remains.

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*Character-Defining Elements/Heritage Attributes*

Important to the preservation of the Estaminet are the following heritage attributes:

- The original central and westerly building masses
- The building elements reflective of the Georgian period, including:
  - The truncated hipped roof;
  - The proportion of the 3-bay fenestration pattern (including the proportion of the central entry way with demi-sidelights and transom);
- The covered north-facing verandah with decorative Regency style scrollwork; and
- The wooden eaves.

(Note that the building masses to the east and south of the original/early masses are not recognized as part of the property's cultural heritage value.)