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## Notice of the Intention to Designate Property Under the Ontario Heritage Act

Take Notice That the Council of the Town of Petrolia plans to pass a By-law on the 9<sup>th</sup> of August 2021, under Section 29(1) of the Ontario Heritage Act, for the property described as follows:

### 425 Chestnut Street

425 Chestnut Street is a two-story brick structure that is built in the Italianate Villa style. It was constructed in the early 1880's and completed in 1885, and located on Chestnut Street at the corner of School Street and Hickory Street. Built in the Victorian time period, in the Italianate Villa style, and constructed largely due to the oil boom. It was built near the historic Van Tuyl oil lands, and adjacent to Crescent Park, and a block from National Heritage site - Victoria Hall. John MacDonald was a well-known oil man in the area that served on Petrolia Council, the school board and issued patents, he founded the boiler works and produced oil. He was one of the first oil barons to import casing and tubing for oil wells from England. He was one of the largest oil producers in Petrolia and was engaged in the refining business. He built a refinery which he operated for over 20 years under the national Oil Company.

It is an outstanding example of Italianate architecture, with the common attributes including a low pitched roof, projecting eaves supported by corbels, floor to ceiling windows on the front of the home (one of very few known homes with this characteristic in Petrolia), and a cranberry transom window above the front door. Inside, the home features an original slate fireplace with a faux marble finish with an original tiled hearth. The kitchen ceiling features a coloured plaster decorative medallion featuring fruit, birds, a basket and plants that features the original finish. Original porch with decorative corbels, unique radiators with pierced cast iron covers and marble tops, and high baseboards, wide door casings and window trim. A second original plaster medallion is featured in the dining room ceiling with a harvest vegetable design. A third plaster medallion that features thistle plants is on the ceiling in the entry. The front door is original to the home - made from wood and glazed glass inserts. Ceilings on both floors of the two-storey home are 11' respectively. The basement features a built in safe, with the original builders name visible on the door. The home features it's original slate roof. The home is a butter brick coloured exterior - a popular colour of the time. The home features a quarried stone foundation, and has the decorative roof cresting typical of the era. The home also features four bay windows, two with plaster decorative corbels.

The Heritage Designation Brief can be viewed on the Town website at <https://petrolia.civicweb.net/Portal/MeetingInformation.aspx?Org=Cal&Id=567> or by contacting the Clerk.

A statement of notice of objection to the designation may be served upon the Clerk in person at 411 Greenfield Street, Petrolia, ON N0N 1R0 or electronically [mpearson@petrolia.ca](mailto:mpearson@petrolia.ca), within thirty days (30) after the date of this publication of the Notice of Intention to Designate, that date being June 30, 2021. R.S.O. 1990, c. O.18, s. 29 (5); 1996, c. 4, s. 55 (2); 2009, c. 33, Sched. 11 s. 6 (4).

Dated this 30<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2021

Mandi Pearson  
Clerk/Operations Clerk