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Ontario Heritage Trust  
via email

**Re: Notice of Intention to Designate Property at 634 Commissioners Road West  
The Ontario Heritage Act, R.S.O. 1990, c. O.18**

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Enclosed for your information is notice of the Council of The Corporation of the City of London's intention to designate the property identified above pursuant to Section 29 of the *Ontario Heritage Act*, R.S.O. 1990, c. O.18 and the reasons for designation. Any person who objects to any intended designation must, **within thirty days** after the date of first publication, serve on the City Clerk a notice of objection in writing, setting out the reason for the objection and all relevant facts. The *Ontario Heritage Act* provides that where a notice of objection has been served, the Council shall consider the objection and decide whether to proceed with designation.

  
Michael Schulthess  
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cc: Heritage Planners, City of London, [heritage@london.ca](mailto:heritage@london.ca)



## NOTICE OF INTENTION TO DESIGNATE PROPERTY OF CULTURAL HERITAGE VALUE OR INTEREST

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Council of The Corporation of the City of London intends to designate as a property of cultural heritage value or interest the following property in accordance with the *Ontario Heritage Act, R.S.O. 1990*:

### **Property Description**

634 Commissioners Road West

### **Publication Date**

November 3, 2022

### **Last Date for Objection**

December 3, 2022

Any person who objects to an intended designation must, **within thirty days** after the date of publication, serve on the City Clerk a notice of objection in writing, setting out the reason for the objection and all relevant facts. The *Ontario Heritage Act* provides that where a notice of objection has been served, the Council shall consider the objection and decide whether to proceed with designation.

### **Legal Description**

PT N 1/2 LT 38 CON 1 AS IN 236820

EXCEPT 236821, 236960, 262640, 262456; T/W 296062

### **Description of Property**

The property at 634 Commissioners Road West is located in the City of London approximately 43 metres east of the intersection of Nottinghill Road and Commissioners Road West. The property contains a built resource located on a generously sized lot landscaped with a lawn, pool, shrubs, and intermediate and mature deciduous and coniferous trees. The built resource was constructed *circa* 1870 and is an example of an Ontario vernacular structure with Georgian and Italianate design influences.

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

The property at 634 Commissioners Road West is of significant cultural heritage value or interest because of its physical or design values and its historical or associative values.

The built resource at 634 Commissioners Road West demonstrates design value as a representative Ontario vernacular frame structure built *circa* 1870. The built resource contains a blend of Georgian and Italianate design elements popular in Ontario during the mid- to late- 19<sup>th</sup> century. The blend of these two styles together, and use of locally available materials including stone, brick, and timber, gives the built resource on the property a vernacular character. Components of the built resource that contain both Georgian and Italianate design elements include the hip roof, square plan, symmetrical main elevation, and pediment window and door surrounds. The segmental arch windows and wide soffits are more typical to the Italianate style. Residences that contain both Georgian and Italianate design features were common in Ontario during the mid- to late- 19<sup>th</sup> century. These types of residences were viewed as containing the tradition and conservatism of the Georgian style while incorporating some more contemporary design elements associated with the Italianate style.

The property demonstrates historical and associative value through its connection with the Kilbourn, Teeple, and Jarvis families. These three families were related by marriage and farmed on Lot 38, Concession 1 between about 1815 and 1905. Both the Kilbourn and Teeple families were part of the initial wave of settlers to Westminster Township from the United States in the decades after the American Revolution. Both families also participated in the War of 1812. The built resource at 634 Commissioners Road West was likely constructed by Robert Jarvis *circa* 1870. The naming of Jarvis Street – which is located about 300 metres north of 634 Commissioners Road West – is associated with the Jarvis family. Together, these three families contributed to the pattern of settlement along Commissioners Road during the 19<sup>th</sup> century.

**Heritage Attributes**

Heritage attributes which support and contribute to the cultural heritage value or interest of this property include:

- Representative example of a mid- to late- 19<sup>th</sup> century Ontario vernacular structure with Georgian and Italianate design elements, including:
  - Two storey structure with square plan
  - Hip roof with red brick chimney, lightning rods, and wide soffits
  - Symmetrical main (north) elevation with three bays
  - Segmental arch 2/2 windows with wood frames and wood pediment style surrounds
  - Wood shutters on the north, east, and west elevations
  - Main entrance with wood door, classically inspired columns, sidelights, transom, and pediment style door surround
  - Basement wood frame windows with segmental arch openings and buff brick voussoirs
  - Buff brick and fieldstone foundation

The attached contemporary garage (south and east elevation), small rear addition (south elevation), and contemporary enclosed porch (east elevation) are not considered to be heritage attributes