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October 7, 2021

Provincial Heritage Registrar,
Ontario Heritage Trust,
10 Adelaide Street East,
Toronto, Ontario,
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Dear Sir/Madam,

Re: Notice of Intention to Designate

Enclosed for your information is a "Notice of Intention to Designate" for 171 King Street East, Colborne, ON, commonly known as "Keeler's Tavern".

The property owner has requested this designation in writing, per section 29 of the Ontario Heritage Act. The Notice will be published in the local newspaper on October 7th, 2021 for 30 days.

Yours sincerely,

Holly Grant,
Municipal Clerk, Cramahe Township
holly@cramahe.ca
905-355-2821 Ext. 122

CC: Heritage Cramahe Committee



**NOTICE OF INTENTION TO DESIGNATE
171 King Street East
Colborne, ON K0K 1S0
"Keeler's Tavern"**

Take Notice that Cramahe Township Council, on **September 21, 2021** resolved to issue a Notice of Intention to Designate Concession 2, Lot 28, municipally known as 171 King Street East, Colborne ON, under Section 29 of the Ontario Heritage Act, as a property of cultural heritage value and interest.

The property known as Keeler's Tavern meets numerous criteria required for designation under Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act. The site is culturally significant because of design and physical value, and historical and associative value.

171 King Street East is built in the Federal or Loyalist style, built before 1821. The building has the classic 2 story, 5 bay fenestration which, before 1970, was marred by several boarded-up windows. After decades of restoration, it is today, as it was in the early 19th century, stately and symmetrical. It has the gently sloping gable roof and there is photographic evidence of two large chimneys at either end of the gables, now gone. The front porch, door and sidelights are all in keeping with the loyalist architectural designs.

One unique feature of the interior is the central staircase which should also be noted, including the stairs with their hand wrought trim, the banister and bespoke newel post and pickets created by an artisan.

Keeler's Tavern was operated by the original settler of Colborne and environs, Joseph Keeler, who arrived in "Old Cat Hollow" (now Lakeport ON) in 1795. Keeler's Tavern is at the corner of Parliament Street and what is now Highway 2 and so was in the perfect location.

Keeler's Tavern at 171 King Street East, Colborne ON, is one of the oldest properties in the township (pre 1821). This claim is supported by empirical evidence, notably from a young woman named Phoebe McCarthy Roberts, a quaker missionary who stayed at the Tavern in 1821, and wrote in her diary "At Joseph Keeler's tavern in Cramahe, the innkeeper treated us kindly, free gratis". Also an 1820 penny was found in the property during restoration. Finally, there is a watercolour sketch of the Tavern by Lt. Colonel James Pattison Cockburn (1779-1847) ca.1830.

This building preceded the incorporation of the village of Colborne into the Confederation in 1858. Because of its location, it was one of the first buildings to be erected in what is known as "East Colborne" which was an early settlement of foundries and other "heavy" businesses at the dawn of the industrial age. (1760-1840).

Today, much of the credit for the current condition of the Tavern goes to the present owner who began in 1970 to restore this important building so it will stand another 200 years.

Any objection to this designation must be filed no later than Friday, November 5, 2021 and be directed to:

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