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**RE: 23 VINCENT AVENUE, PEAKE INN (PLAN 73 A LOT 195), Town of Niagara-on-the-Lake  
Notice of Intention to Designate  
Ontario Heritage Act, Part IV**

Pursuant to the provisions of Section 29(3) (a) (b) of the Ontario Heritage Act, R.S.O. 1990, Chapter 0.18, please find enclosed a copy of:

Intention To Designate 23 Vincent Avenue, Peake Inn (Plan 73 A Lot 195)

Sincerely yours,

Grant Bivol  
Town Clerk

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## NOTICE OF INTENTION TO DESIGNATE

IN THE MATTER OF THE ONTARIO HERITAGE ACT, R.S.O. 1990, CHAPTER O.18 AND IN THE MATTER OF THE LANDS AT THE FOLLOWING LOCATION IN THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO

**TAKE NOTICE** that the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Niagara-on-the-Lake intends to designate the property at **23 VINCENT AVENUE, PEAKE INN (PLAN 73A LOT 195)** as a property of cultural heritage value or interest under Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act, R.S.O. 1990, Chapter O.18.

### **Description of Property**

The subject property is located on 23 Vincent Avenue and is called the Peake Inn. It is located in the Old Town urban area. The subject property is located within the area that was designed and developed as the Canadian Chautauqua. The design consists of a spoke and wheel pattern with streets radiating from a central point. The residence has a moderate setback from the road. The open space surrounding the residence is landscaped with a few mature trees located towards the north and south of the subject property.

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

The property known as the Peake Inn has cultural heritage value or interest for its design and physical values, its historical and associative values and its contextual values.

The Peake Inn has architectural value because it is a representative example of the Queen Anne Revival style. The two-storey rectangular plan residence has a complex gable and hip roof with overhanging eaves, symmetrical façade, a three-sidewrap-around verandah, red brick chimney, and colourful decorative shingles. The complex structure also features a combination of triangular and gable dormer windows with the façade gable end featuring a flat arched opening with rounded corners. The Queen Anne Revival house also contains intricate woodwork in the form of spindle-work on the verandah, wooden columns, raised wooden railings, wooden brackets, and vergeboard.

The Peake Inn has historical value because it has historical association of being a part of "Crookston" that belonged to William and James Crooks. The brothers worked as merchants, farmers and also built ships. The subject property is also associated with the formation of the Canadian Chautauqua in Niagara. 23 Vincent Avenue has historical and associative value as being the residence of the Peake/McEwen family. It was bought by Charles Nicholas Peake in 1919, who was the son of Lewis Peake. Lewis Peake was the managing director of the Chautauqua and the secretary of the Niagara Assembly. The house is named Peake Inn, also named after the Peake family.

The subject property has the potential to yield information that contributes to the understanding of the Chautauqua movement, the design principles that went into designing the Chautauqua neighbourhood, and the lifestyle and leisure activities of the people during that time period.

The Peake Inn is of immense contextual value in maintaining the character of the area. The playful Queen Anne Revival style of the subject property reflects the impact of the Chautauqua movement on the design of the cottages in the region. This is also reflected through other cottage styles found on Vincent Avenue. The subject property acts as a character supporting resource for the diminishing cottages reflective of the Chautauqua. 23 Vincent Avenue also has contextual value because it is

physically linked to its surroundings. The property is located on Lot 195 in the Chautauqua neighbourhood. It maintains the original demarcation of the Lot and is a part of the radial design of the neighbourhood.

### **Description of Key Heritage Attributes**

Key exterior attributes that embody the heritage value of 23 Vincent Avenue in Niagara-on-the-Lake include:

- Two storey Queen Anne Revival residence
- Symmetrical facade
- The main entrance opening and rectangular window openings
- Complex gable and hip roof with overhanging eaves
- Wrap-around verandah
- Triangular and gable dormer windows
- Façade gable with a flat arched opening with rounded corners
- Colorful decorative shingles cladding
- Red brick chimney
- Intricate woodwork in the form of spindle-work on the verandah, wooden columns, raised wooden railings, wooden brackets, and vergeboard
- Location of Peake Inn within Chautauqua neighborhood
- Mature trees and landscaped lawns

### **Objections**

Any objection to this designation must be filled no later than 30 days after the date of publication of the Notice of Intent to Designate. Objections should be directed to Grant Bivol, Town Clerk, 1593 Four Mile Creek Road, Niagara-on-the-Lake, L0S 1T0. The last date to file a notice of objection is **May 4<sup>th</sup> 2024**.

### **Queries**

Any further queries should be directed to Sumra Zia, Heritage Planner at (905) 468-3266 ext. 327 or through email at [sumra.zia@notl.com](mailto:sumra.zia@notl.com).

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Dated at the Town of Niagara-on-the-Lake this 4th day of April 2024  
GRANT BIVOL, CLERK