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IN THE MATTER OF THE ONTARIO HERITAGE ACT, R.S.O. 1990, CHAPTER 0.18

AND IN THE MATTER OF THE LANDS AND PREMISES KNOWN MUNICIPALLY AS **46 PAXTON LANE, PAXTON HOUSE** (Part Lot 90), IN THE TOWN OF NIAGARA-ON-THE-LAKE IN THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO

**NOTICE OF INTENTION TO DESIGNATE**

TO: THE ONTARIO HERITAGE TRUST, 10 ADELAIDE STREET EAST,  
TORONTO, ONTARIO, M5C 1J3

TAKE NOTICE that the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Niagara-on-the-Lake intends to designate the property, including the lands and building known municipally as **46 PAXTON LANE, PAXTON HOUSE** as a property of cultural heritage value or interest under Part IV of The Ontario Heritage Act, R.S.O. 1990, Chapter 0.18.

**Description of Property**

46 Paxton Lane includes a dwelling that sits on a large lot at the farthest end of Paxton Lane, in the Village of St. Davids, Niagara-on-the-Lake.

**Statement of Cultural Heritage Value or Interest**

The cultural heritage value of 46 Paxton Lane lies mainly in its historical associations. The property can be traced back to a Crown Patent granted to Peter Secord Sr. in 1798, one of the earliest settlers in the area. It was originally to be part of the 600 acre grant promised to Secord by General Powell at Fort Niagara in 1780. In the end, as a result of contested treaty rights Secord did not receive the entire parcel. Secord cleared the land he did receive in 1780, and lived nearby with his wife and large family. He built a mill on the creek and prospered. David Secord, his relation, was a Major in the local militia and namesake of the current community of St. Davids. David purchased the land in 1799 and built the existing dwelling on the property. He lived there until his death in 1844. Interestingly, it was oral tradition in the Paxton family that Laura Secord rested at the house on her way to Beavertons to warn General Fitzgibbon of the impending American attack. Generals De Rottenburg and Drummond may also have used the house as a headquarters.

The cultural heritage value of 46 Paxton Lane also lies in the fact that it is one of only two extant buildings in the area which pre-dates the War of 1812. The house managed to survive the incendiary American attack on the village in 1814.

Riall and Elijah Secord inherited the land from David, and it was owned by Flotyes Secord in 1873, when he sold it to David Hanniwell. The Hanniwells owned the land

until 1915, when they sold to Gardner S. Paxton and his wife Lucinda. Their descendants owned the house until around 2008. The long history of the home is well documented in paintings and photographs.

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

Key attributes that embody the heritage value of 46 Paxton Lane as one of the best examples, and a rare example, of a pre-War of 1812 dwelling in Niagara-on-the-Lake include its:

- Fieldstone masonry, harled surface rendered in limestone
- Original window opening locations and sizes
- Very early wooden beams in the basement which appear hand-hewn, and still have bark on them. Documents indicate that these pre-date the War of 1812
- Location on a large naturally vegetated lot with the front façade facing Four Mile Creek
- 1.5 storey original, simple Georgian form of the building with 5 bay façade
- Narrow Georgian door

N.B. Documentation indicates that this house pre-dates the War of 1812. A house belonging to David Secord, and matching the measurements and description of the Paxton House, is mentioned in a war claim for the damages caused in 1814 after an American attack.

Further information respecting the proposed designation is available from Planning Staff.

Any person may, not later than the 27<sup>th</sup> day of July 2015, send by registered mail or deliver to the Clerk of the Town of Niagara-on-the-Lake notice of their objection to the proposed designation, together with a statement of the reasons for the objection and all relevant facts. If such a Notice of Objection is received the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Niagara-on-the-Lake shall refer the matter to the Conservation Review Board for a hearing.

Dated at the Town of Niagara-on-the-Lake the 25<sup>th</sup> day of June 2015.



Holly Dowd,

Clerk



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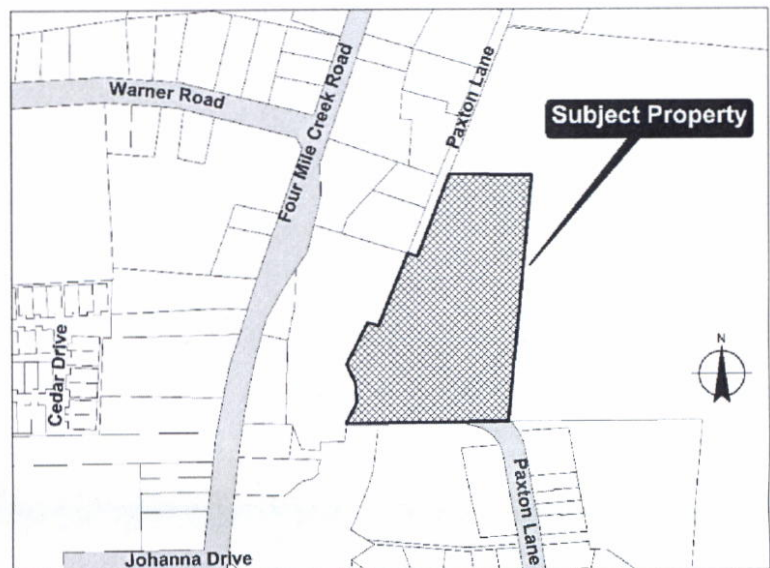
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