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Please find enclosed a Notice of Intention to Repeal and a Notice of Intention to Designate for the property known municipally as 1 King Street East, Village of Omemee.

The last date for objections is April 19, 2024. If no objections are filed by 4:00 p.m. on that date with the clerk of the municipality, Council will proceed to pass a bylaw designating the property at the next available Council meeting.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

Emily Turner  
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## Notice: Intention to Designate Property under the Ontario Heritage Act

Take Notice that the Council of the City of Kawartha Lakes, on March 19, 2024, passed a resolution of intent to designate the following property under Section 29 of the Ontario Heritage Act, R.S.O. 1990, c.18, as a property of cultural heritage value or interest:

1 King Street West, Village of Omemee  
LT 2 N/S KING ST AND W/S STURGEON ST PL 109; LT 1 N/S KING ST AND  
W/S STURGEON ST PL 109 EXCEPT R125169; S/T R123870; KAWARTHA  
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### Statement of Reasons for Designation

#### Design and Physical Value

1 King Street West, also known as Coronation Hall, has design and physical value as a rare example of a Prairie style public building in Ontario. The Prairie style developed in the American Midwest in the early twentieth century in the work of architect Frank Lloyd Wright and is characterized by its strong horizontal lines, limited ornamentation, geometric qualities and natural colour palette. While relatively popular in the United States, its use in Canada was limited, particularly in public buildings. Coronation Hall is a rare example of its use in a municipal building and concert hall and displays key characteristics of the style such as horizontal lines, a low pitched hipped roof, neutral colour palette and strong use of geometric forms. The interior is also a well-preserved example of an early twentieth century concert hall.

#### Historical and Associative Value

1 King Street West has historical and associative value in its association with Flora McCrae, Lady Eaton, who commissioned the hall in 1911 as a gift to the village, and in its role as the former Town Hall for the Village of Omemee. Lady Eaton was born in Omemee in 1879 and married John Craig Eaton, the younger son of Eaton's store founder Timothy Eaton, who she met in Toronto while working as a nurse. Lady Eaton was a significant philanthropist in the early decades of the twentieth century and, in particular, made substantial contributions to her home town, including funding the construction of Coronation Hall. The building served as a concert hall as well as the Town Hall for the village, which it had been without since the separation of Omemee from the rest of Emily Township in 1874.



### **Contextual Value**

1 King Street West has contextual value as a significant local landmark in the village of Omemee and as a contributing feature to its historic small town streetscape. The building has served as a concert hall and municipal building since its construction in 1911 and is a well-used and recognized community space in the village. It forms part of the historic streetscape of King Street East and West which forms the core of the village and is comprised of a range of historic building in various late nineteenth and early twentieth century styles. The subject property maintains and supports this historic landscape and is one of its anchor buildings at the corner of Sturgeon and King Streets.

Further information respecting the proposed designation is available at the City's Economic Development Department. Any objection to this designation must be filed within 30 days of March 21, 2024. Objections should be directed to: Cathie Richie, Clerk, City of Kawartha Lakes, P.O. Box 9000, 26 Francis Street, Lindsay, ON K9V 5R8. Objections may be filed electronically at [clerks@kawarthalakes.ca](mailto:clerks@kawarthalakes.ca).

Any inquiries may be directed to:

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