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Please find enclosed a Notice of Intention to Designate for the property known municipally as 24-26 King Street East, Village of Omemee.

The last date for objections is July 5, 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 May 21, 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:

24-26 King Street East, Village of Omemee  
LT 6 S/S KING ST AND E/S STURGEON ST PL 109; CITY OF KAWARTHA LAKES

### Statement of Reasons for Designation

#### Design and Physical Value

24-26 King Street has design and physical value as a unique example of a Victorian commercial building in Omemee and one of the oldest extant commercial buildings in the village. Constructed around 1868, it is primarily constructed in the Italianate commercial style, the most popular style for downtown commercial architecture in the second half of the nineteenth century but includes a unique gable roof with eyebrow dormers, an atypical feature for Italianate commercial architecture. Key architectural features from the Italianate style include its two-storey red brick construction, decorative brick coursing and division of the façade into bays by pilasters. It is one of only five downtown commercial buildings in Omemee that predate 1890.

#### Historical and Associative Value

24-26 King Street has historical and associative value in its historic role as a commercial building and general store. Often identified as McNeely's General Store, it was constructed as a general store by Isaac McNeely around 1868 and operated by him until his death in 1892. McNeely's General Store grew to become a prominent and well-known business in Omemee and the surrounding area in the late nineteenth and early twentieth century and McNeely a well-known and community-minded businessman. It has direct historical relationships with the historic commercial and economic development in Omemee, being constructed during a period of rapid economic development between about 1860 and 1880, and in its role as a general store, it provides information regarding the economic growth of the community throughout the second half of the nineteenth century.



### **Contextual Value**

24-26 King Street East has contextual value as part of the historic streetscape of downtown Omemee. It helps maintain and support the character of the commercial core of downtown Omemee as one of a range of nineteenth century commercial buildings extant along King Street East. While the majority of the commercial buildings in downtown Omemee predate 1900, it forms one of a small collection of commercial buildings that pre-date the early 1890s when several significant fires destroyed most of the downtown core and which are primarily located at the eastern end of the downtown. It is physically, visually and historically linked to its surroundings as part of the village's downtown streetscape.

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 June 5, 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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