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**RE: Notice of Intention to Designate Nine (9) Properties within the Town of Essex
under Section 29 of the Ontario Heritage Act**

At their regular meeting on Monday August 12, the Council for the Corporation of the Town of Essex issued a Notice of Intention to Designate nine (9) properties under section 29 of the Ontario Heritage Act. The following is a list of those properties:

1. 21 King Street East (Harrow)
2. 22 King Street West (Harrow)
3. 94 Talbot Street South (Essex Centre)
4. 98 Talbot Street South (Essex Centre)
5. 102 Talbot Street South (Essex Centre)
6. 314 Queen Street (Harrow)
7. 400 County Road 13 (Colchester)
8. Ferriss Cemetery (0 Ferriss Road, Harrow)
9. Gilgal Cemetery (0 County Road 11, Harrow)

Statements of Cultural Heritage Value and Interest for each property has been attached.

Notice of objection

A Notice of Objection to the Notice of Intention to Designate may be served on the Clerk of the Town of Essex by **September 30, 2024**. The Notice of Objection must set out the reasons for the objection and all relevant facts.

Yours truly,

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APPENDIX A

The former Station Master's House

Municipal Address

314 Queen Street, Harrow

Legal Description

PLAN 327 PT LOT 6 PLAN 202 PT LOT 3 RP 12R27455 PARTS 2 AND 4

General Description of Property

314 Queen Street is located on the eastern side of Queen Street within Harrow. It is comprised of the Station Master's House: a red brick house that was built in 1897 in a hybrid Victorian architectural style.

Description of Property that has Cultural Heritage Value or Interest

The area of the property that demonstrates cultural heritage value or interest is the area that encompasses the entirety of the Station Master's House.

Statement of Cultural Heritage Value or Interest

Design/Physical Value

The property has design value or physical value because it is a rare, unique, representative or early example of a style, type, expression, material or construction method.

314 Queen Street retains significant design or physical value because it is representative of a late 19th century hybrid Victorian home, and it was built using materials from the surrounding materials. Built in early 1897 by Micheal P. O'Connor, on land that he had purchased from Emma Thrasher in August 1896 for \$130, the home served as the station master's house until 1920, when O'Connor sold the property to Frederick H. White for \$3,000.

The hybrid Victorian architectural style is characterized by the mass, form and shape of the building, the window openings, the porch style, the roof line and peak, and the brick cladding. These features are seen throughout the house at 314 Queen Street.

Contextual Value

The property has contextual value because it is important in defining, maintaining, or supporting the character of an area

314 Queen Street has significant contextual value because it is important in defining and maintaining the character of the area that was formerly the Lake Erie, Essex, & Detroit River Railway (L. E. E. & D. R. R.). Built in 1897 by Harrow Station Master, Micheal P. O'Connor, this building served as the home of one of Harrow's earliest station masters and allowed him access to the railway, which was located beside his home. O'Connor was the 2nd station master in Harrow, arriving in Harrow in 1891 and working within the Harrow Station that opened in 1888.

314 Queen Street was built as a result of the L. E. E. & D. R. R. The L. E. E. & D. R. was a rail line that connected the communities of Walkerville, Harrow, and Kingsville through Marshfield (Gilgal). It was built in the late 19th century by Hiram Walker and changed the landscape of Essex County by bringing opportunities to small communities through the county (such as Marshfield, New Canaan McGregor/Colchester Crossing, and Oxley). It spurred on the development of small settlements and encouraged tourism throughout Essex County.

314 Queen Street is the last remaining connection to the L. E. E. & D. R. R within Harrow, as the train station and all railway tracks have been demolished and removed. It helps showcase the former L. E. E. & D. R. R. and helps conceptualize the appearance of the community around the railway.

Description of Heritage Attributes

The key heritage attributes that contribute to the design/physical value of 94 Talbot Street South includes:

- The mass, form, and style of the house;
- All existing window openings topped with brick voussoirs,
- All existing door openings and the surrounding door frames,
- The red brick cladding in a common brick bond,
- The existing roof lines and peaks,
- The existing porches on the front facade and eastern side of the house,
- The decorative corbels and pillars of the porches,
- The fieldstone foundation,
- The brick chimney on the roof,

- The decorative corbels and gables on the roofline.

The key heritage attributes that contribute to the contextual value of 94 Talbot Street South includes:

- The buildings' location on the eastern side of Queen Street.