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The Corporation of the Municipality of
Central Elgin

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Notice of Intention to Designate a Property under the Ontario Heritage Act - 6289 Sunset Road

TAKE NOTICE that the Council of The Corporation of the Municipality of Central Elgin intends to designate the following property as a property of cultural heritage value or interest pursuant to section 29 of the Ontario Heritage Act, R.S.O. 1990, c. O.18:

House located on property known municipally as **6289 Sunset Road** and legally described as **Part of Lot 3, Concession 4, Geographic Township of Yarmouth, Municipality of Central Elgin.**

This is a stately yellow brick home constructed in the late Victorian period (about 1890). It has fine bays and verandah, a steep roof and gingerbread trim. This house is a fine example of the architecture of this period.

A copy of the statement of cultural heritage value or interest is available in the Municipal Office at the Elgin County Administration Building, 450 Sunset Drive, 1st Floor, North Wing, daily, Monday to Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. or on the municipal website, www.centralelgin.org.

Any person may, not later than **Friday, February 6th, 2015**, serve on the Clerk of the Municipality of Central Elgin a **notice of objection** setting out the reasons for the objection and all relevant facts. When a notice of objection has been served, the Council shall refer the matter to the Conservation Review Board for a hearing and report.

DATED at the Municipality of Central Elgin this 7th day of January, 2015.

Donald N. Leitch
Chief Administrative Officer & Clerk, Municipality of Central Elgin



The Solomon V. Willson Home in Union, Ontario

This is a stately yellow brick home constructed in the late Victorian period (about 1890). It has fine bays and verandah, a steep roof, and gingerbread trim. It has been well maintained by a succession of responsible owners; it retains its charm. The well-treed and maintained grounds complement the home and add to its ambience..It is located on the west side of Highway 4 just north of the Union Pond. The current owners are [REDACTED]

This dwelling was constructed by Solomon Van Willson (1836-1922). He was the owner of grist and woolen mills which obtained their power from the harnessing of Beaver Creek, a main tributary of the Union Pond. A bridge was built over Union Pond. The Tweedsmuir History of Union (pp. 14 and 24) has good photographs of the Willson mills. Solomon married Hannah Haight (1861-1905). They had two children, Hannah Marguerite and Charles Edward. Upon Solomon's death, the property that Solomon owned was divided between the two children. Hannah (1870-1939)(nicknamed "Etta") married a distant cousin, Edgar Freeman Willson, in 1909. She lived in the house many more years.

This house is a fine example of the architecture of this period. The Central Elgin LACAC considers this home worthy of special recognition. It is hoped that it will remain for many years, and that future generations will be able to enjoy it.

John Parks Martyn,
President