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TOWN OF GRIMSBY

Notice of Intension to Designate

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TAKE NOTICE THAT Council of the Corporation of the Town of Grimsby intends to designate the following property as a property of cultural heritage value or interest under Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act:

NIXON HALL 262 MAIN STREET WEST

(Part of Lot 13, Concession 2 designated as Part 1, Reference Plan 30R-7989, Town of Grimsby, Regional Municipality of Niagara, formerly in the Township of North Grimsby)

THE REASONS for the proposed designation is to recognize the architectural value of the building in context of its contribution to the heritage character of the Town of Grimsby. Nixon Hall, built in 1854, demonstrates fine examples of the Gothic elements in its architectural design. Although the front porch, constructed with classical details, and north wing are later additions, many of the architectural details attributed to the Gothic style have been retained. These details include a 'L' shaped layout with gable ends; secondary gable peak on the minor gable side; ribbon shaped bargeboard trim in the gable ends; and peak pendants.

The designation is also to acknowledge the history of the site as a residence of the Nixon family. Allen Nixon settled on these lands as one of the first United Empire Loyalists in Grimsby. The building also has a colourful history. It was used as a hostel to house Farmerettes, young girls that assisted in farm work and harvest during World War II. The building was also used as a temporary hospital for a year after the Grimsby hospital burned in 1948. Over 1000 patients were treated and 288 babies were born in the building during the 14 months it served as the local hospital.

These architectural and historic features contribute to the character of the Town of Grimsby.

ANY PERSON may within thirty days of the publication of this notice, send by registered mail or deliver to the Clerk of the Corporation of the Town of Grimsby of his or her objection to the proposed designation, together with a statement of the reasons for the objection and all relevant facts. When a Notice of Objection has been received, the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Grimsby will refer the matter to the Conservation Review Board for a hearing and report.

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