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**RE: 263 REGENT STREET, GOSTLING-TAYLOR HOUSE (PLAN 86 PT LOT 107), Town of Niagara-on-the-Lake
Notice of Intention to Designate
Ontario Heritage Act, Part IV**

Pursuant to the provisions of Section 29(3) (a) (b) of the Ontario Heritage Act, R.S.O. 1990, Chapter 0.18, please find enclosed a copy of:

Intention To Designate 263 Regent Street, Gostling-Taylor House (PLAN 86 PT LOT 107)

Sincerely yours,

Grant Bivol
Town Clerk

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NOTICE OF INTENTION TO DESIGNATE

IN THE MATTER OF THE ONTARIO HERITAGE ACT, R.S.O. 1990, CHAPTER 0.18 AND IN THE MATTER OF THE LANDS AT THE FOLLOWING LOCATION IN THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO

TAKE NOTICE that the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Niagara-on-the-Lake intends to designate the property at **263 REGENT STREET, GOSTLING-TAYLOR HOUSE (PLAN 86 PT LOT 107)** as a property of cultural heritage value or interest under Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act, R.S.O. 1990, Chapter 0.18.

Description of Property

The subject property located on 263 Regent Street, is known as the Gostling-Taylor House. The subject land is located north of Regent Street near the intersection of Regent Street and Johnson Street. The property has a moderate setback from Regent Street. The residence is set on a landscaped property, with a couple of mature trees. The access to the property is through a wide gravel driveway from Regent Street. Access to the main entrance is off of the public sidewalk through a concrete paver pathway.

Statement of Cultural Heritage Value or Interest

The property known as the Gostling-Taylor House has cultural heritage value or interest for its design and physical values, its historical and associative values and its contextual values.

263 Regent Street is a rare example of an asymmetrical Georgian style residence. The unique two-storey, three bay Gostling-Taylor House breaks away from tradition as it does not adhere to a rigid symmetry on the front façade. The exterior walls of the residence are clad wood clapboard siding, including beaded vertical corner boards. The roof of the subject property consists of two intersecting gable roofs with overhanging eaves at all three gable ends. The gable ends contain projecting verges. The roof features moulded wood fascia at the verges, plain fascia at the eaves, and plain soffit and frieze throughout. The window openings on the façade are vertical rectangular openings, containing double hung six-over-six windows. The windows are framed with moulded wood trim and a horned plain wood sill. Throughout the other elevations, the window openings feature plain wood trim surrounds with a horned plain wood sill. The main entryway is located off-centred on the façade, to the west. The doorway features a flat arched opening with moulded trim surrounds, a flat, two-light transom window, and a panelled door. The residence sits on a low foundation.

The Gostling-Taylor House has historical association with early settlers in the Niagara Region. The land, on which the subject property stands today, was granted by the Crown to Young in 1794. He was a carpenter who was involved in the construction of Fort George and maintenance of Fort Erie and Fort York. The house is also historically associated with Edward McMullen. Edward, appears to have constructed the current house on the subject lands in 1842 and is also associated with the construction of the adjacent property at 58 Johnson Street. He appears to have been involved in the local construction industry.

The Gostling-Taylor House has contextual value because it is important in defining the historic character of the area. 263 Regent Street is part of the historic fabric within Old Town, specifically the Downtown Character Area. It is also within the boundaries of the National Historic District. It lies in close proximity to various other historic buildings, including designated properties and properties

listed on the Municipal Heritage Register. It acts as a character supporting resource for the Old Town. In addition to this, 263 Regent Street is also visually and historically linked to its surroundings. The house design and layout of the subject property, in terms of the setback and materials, is in keeping with the surrounding properties, especially the Part IV designated property at 46 Johnson Street. The asymmetric Georgian style of both the properties is also very similar.

Description of Key Heritage Attributes

Key exterior attributes that embody the heritage value of the dwelling at 263 Regent Street in Niagara-on-the-Lake include its:

- Two-storey Georgian residence
- Box-like structure
- Asymmetric three bay façade, with off-centred entrance
- Wood clapboard siding, including beaded vertical corner boards
- Two intersecting gable roofs with overhanging eaves and projecting verges
- Moulded wood fascia at the verges, plain fascia at the eaves, plain soffit and frieze
- Vertical rectangular window openings at the façade
- Double hung six-over-six windows at the façade
- Window openings at façade with moulded wood trim and horned plain wood sill
- Window openings elsewhere with plain wood trim surrounds with a horned plain wood sill
- Doorway flat arched opening with moulded trim surrounds
- Doorway with a single leaf panelled door, capped by a flat, two-light transom
- Low foundation
- Location along Regent Street
- Existing setback from the road
- Location within the National Historic District
- Historic connection to 58 Johnson Street

Objections

Any objection to this designation must be filled no later than 30 days after the date of publication of the Notice of Intent to Designate. Objections should be directed to Grant Bivol, Town Clerk, 1593 Four Mile Creek Road, Niagara-on-the-Lake, L0S 1T0. The last date to file a notice of objection is **October 31st 2025**.

Queries

Any further queries should be directed to Sumra Zia, Heritage Planner at (905) 468-3266 ext. 327 or through email at sumra.zia@notl.com.

Dated at the Town of Niagara-on-the-Lake this 1st day of October 2025
GRANT BIVOL, CLERK