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TOWN OF GODERICH

August 16, 1979

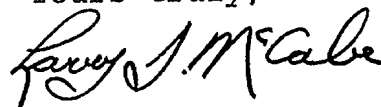
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Dear Sir:

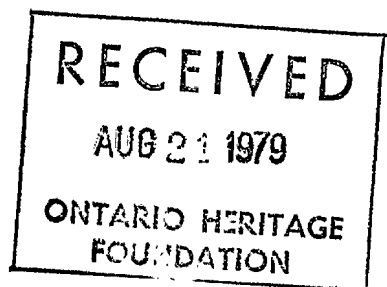
Please find enclosed "Notice of Intention to Designate" a property in the Town of Goderich as a property of architectural and/or historical significance under The Ontario Heritage Act, 1974, S.O. Chapter 122. As we understand it, this information is to be forwarded to your office for each property being designated as a Heritage Building.

We cordially submit this information for your records.

Yours truly,


Larry J. McCabe

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In the matter of The Ontario Heritage Act, 1974, S.O. Chapter 122.
And in the matter of the lands and premises known municipally as
35 South Street in the Town of Goderich in the Province of Ontario.

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO DESIGNATE

TO: Goderich Performing Arts Foundation
c/o Dorothy Wallace, President
58 Elgin Ave. East
Goderich, Ontario

Ontario Heritage Foundation

Take notice that the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Goderich, on the 15th day of August, 1979, decided to designate the lands and buildings, known municipally as 35 South Street as a property of architectural and/or historical significance under The Ontario Heritage Act, 1974, S.O. Chapter 122.

REASON FOR PROPOSED DESIGNATION

The former Polley's Livery Stable is recommended for designation for historical and architectural reasons.

The subject building is located on South Street immediately to the south of the Bedford Hotel and for many years was a livery stable before becoming an automobile garage and finally a building centre. In 1977 the building was threatened by demolition, but was purchased with the intent of being converted into a community cultural centre.

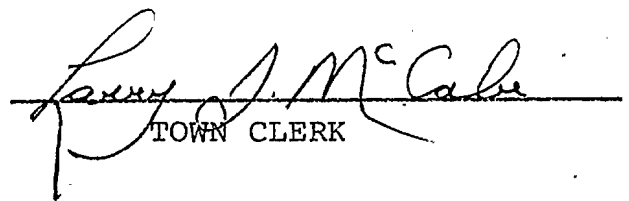
The plan form of the stable is rectangular measuring 42 feet in width and approximately 127 feet in depth. The constructional material is stone with massive interior wood roof beams. From site observation it appears to have been built in three stages, with the first stage commencing in the mid 1840's and the final stage being completed in 1878. Architecturally the most imposing stage fronts South Street and is characterized by a shaped gable, pretentious parapet and unusual windows. The whole is built of cut stone and smacks of design flamboyance akin to the elaborate wood boom town fronts of the period. The south elevation is also of architectural interest especially the easternmost side with its stone face, twin gables and upper doors for loading hay. At ground level is still visible a row of narrow pointed arch windows. The east and north elevations are simpler in design but hardly visible because of the close proximity of the neighbouring buildings. Originally three cupola roof vents were located on top of the roof, according to a sketch of the stable in the County Atlas (1879). Inside, the roof is supported by massive beams from which hung a floor to store hay feed for the horses. These beams are now visible

with the removal of various false ceilings that were built recently. Polley's Livery Stable is of particular value also in the context of the heritage building stock in the Town of Goderich. It is the only surviving livery stable of size which combined with its architectural and historical interest makes it a worthy preservation under the Ontario Heritage Act.

Notice of objection to the designation may be served to the Town Clerk within thirty days of the 16th day of August, 1979.

Dated at Goderich, Ontario this 16th day of August, 1979.

Signed


TOWN CLERK