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Ontario Heritage Foundation 10 Adelaide Street East Toronto, Ontario M5C 1J3

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Dear Sir/Madam:

**Proposed Designation Under** Re: Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act The Tuckey-Lee Building 73-77 West Main Street

In accordance with the requirements of Section 29(3) of the Ontario Heritage Act, enclosed herewith please find Notice of Intention to Designate the above-referenced structure under Part IV of the legislation.

For your reference, I have attached a copy of the Council resolution and the background report prepared for the Welland Local Architectural Conservation Advisory Committee and City Council.

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City Clerk

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Attachments

Mr. George Chipman, Chair CC: Ms. Nora Reid, L.A.C.A.C. Secretary



In the matter of the Ontario Heritage Act, R.S.O. 1990, Chapter 0.18

And in the matter of the structure and property known municipally as "The Tuckey-Lee Building"

## NOTICE OF INTENTION TO DESIGNATE

TAKE NOTICE THAT the Council of the Corporation of the City of Welland intends to designate the property known as "The Tuckey-Lee Building" and located municipally at 73-77 West Main Street as a property of historical interest under Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act, R.S.O. 1990, Chapter 0.18.

## REASONS FOR THE PROPOSED DESIGNATION:

This brick building is believed to be the oldest surviving commercial structure in downtown Welland. It was built circa 1856 for Dr. Alfred J. Burns in the early Italianate commercial style. The north facade facing West Main Street in particular displays many characteristics typical of this style. These include an elaborate and deeply projecting wooden cornice at the roof supported by ornamental brackets and underscored by a continuous decorative frieze; double hung two over two second story windows in semi-circular arch shape topped with brick voussoirs and keystones, and a secondary decorative bracketed wooden cornice at the first floor level above two deeply recessed street level storefronts. The oldest storefront, no. 75 at the easterly end of the building, remains virtually unchanged since the 19th century with original wooden columns flanking the entry and original transom windows of coloured, pebbled glass in fanlight pattern above both display windows.

The original owner, Dr. Alfred Burns, who used the building as a home and office, was one of the first physicians to serve the hamlet of Merrittsville (before the name was changed to Welland). He died in 1861 at the early age of 29. The building was purchased from Dr. Burns shortly after its construction by Jesse Stoner, and remained in the hands of the Stoner family until 1872, when it was sold to Charlotte Tuckey. Jesse Stoner was the grandson of Christian Stoner, one of the first pioneers to settle in Humberstone Township from Pennsylvania. Jesse's wife Catherine was the daughter of David Price, known as "Welland's first settler". Catherine Street ("the Brick Road") is named for Catherine Price Stoner.

For the majority of the years between 1872 and 1929, this was the location of Tuckey's Jewellers, run by Charlotte's husband James, and later their son James A. Tuckey, until his death in 1929. James A. Tuckey converted the west side of the building (no. 77) from residential to commercial use about 1920, and over the course of the twentieth century the two retail spaces housed (in addition to Tuckey's jewellers) Stanley Jackson's Jewellers, John Oliver's wallpaper, and three barbershops, those of George A. Pearsons, Charles Goss, and, from 1946 until the end of the century, the building is currently owned by **Excercise** and the entire first floor commercial area is occupied by a florist shop, "Blooms and Petals by Laura".

Notice of objection to the proposed designation may be filed with the Clerk of the Corporation of the City of Welland no later than the 12<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2004.

Dated at the City of Welland this 13th day of March, 2004.

CRAIG A. STIRTZINGER City Clerk City Hall, 411 East Main Street WELLAND, ON L3B 3X4