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TOWN OF FERGUS

198 ST. ANDREW STREET WEST, FERGUS, ONTARIO N1M 1N7

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March 16, 1998

Ontario Heritage Foundation
77 Bloor Street West
Toronto, Ontario
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Dear Sir/Madam:

Take notice that the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Fergus intends to designate the property, including lands and buildings at the following municipal address as property of architectural and/or historical value or interest under Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act:

198 St. Andrew Street West, Fergus, Ontario

Reasons for Designation

198 St. Andrew Street West was built in 1881 by Mr. Ramore, having purchased the land from Mary Hewlett in 1880. Architecturally the building can be described as late Italianate, a period of architecture dating approximately from 1840 - 1885. The building consists of a first and second floor together with a third floor in the roof space lit by dormer windows. The windows to the second floor and the dormer windows are heavily pedimented with side brackets and decorated surrounds, all have double hung sashes, undivided.

The first floor has been completely redesigned to in the process of accommodating the Municipal Office, an unfortunate decision.

The windows on the east side have been changed to aluminum frames, looking rather incongruous in a splattered limestone rubble. It is suspected that extra windows have been cut into the east wall. Also the east wall has been penetrated by the bridge from the Library. The rear (south) elevation has been completely changed by an addition built in "pink" rusticated concrete block and

the windows on the second floor serving the Council Chamber have been enlarged horizontally.

The structure of the building up to the second floor is coursed limestone from a Guelph quarry on the north (front) elevation with heavy limestone quoins with original deep joint recesses filled with mortar. The second floor north elevation is coursed Credit Valley red sandstone flanked by the same quoins as the first floor except that the joints have not been filled.

The east wall and south walls are constructed of limestone rubble cement splattered as noted earlier. The roof at the eaves is completed by a comparatively simple cornice.

Notwithstanding the changes to the fenestration on the east, south and the first floor of the north elevations, the building makes a generous contribution to the streetscape of St. Andrew Street West. This fact plus the excellent examples of Italianate windows makes it imperative that the building be designated. Its demolition now or at a future date, plus any further modifications to the elevations would be a disaster.

Notice of objection to the proposed designation, together with a statement of the reasons for the objection and all relevant facts may be served on the Administrator/Clerk-Treasurer of the Town of Fergus before the 20th of April, 1998.

Dated at Fergus, Ontario this 18th day of March, 1998.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'W. J. Tigert', with a stylized flourish at the end.

William J. Tigert, B. Comm., A.M.C.T.
Administrator/Clerk-Treasurer

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