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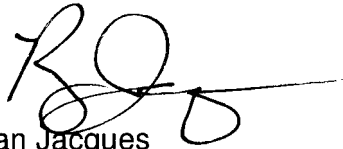
**Re: Notice of Intent to Designate
20-26 William Street South, Community of Chatham
Municipality of Chatham-Kent**

At the Council Meeting held September 12, 2011, Chatham-Kent Council approved the Municipal Heritage Committee's recommendation for the Intent to Designate the property, located at 20-26 William Street South, in the Community of Chatham, under Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act for its cultural heritage value and interest.

The Notice of Intent to Designate was advertised in Chatham-Kent Matters on Wednesday, September 21, 2011, with the last day for filing a Notice of Objection being Thursday, October 20, 2011, (copy attached).

If no appeals have been received, a By-law to designate the property will be prepared for Council's consideration.

Sincerely,



Ryan Jacques
Acting Development Planner

c Municipal Heritage Committee

Attachment(s)

Canadian Register of Historic Places Nomination
20 – 26 William Street South, Municipality of Chatham-Kent

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Identification

Historic Place Name	20-26 William Street South		
Other Names	#	Type:	Name:
	1	Other	Retro Suites

Recognition

Authority:	Local Government (ON)
Recognition Type:	Municipal Heritage Designation Part IV
Recognition Date:	yyyy-mm-dd (To be added after council approval)

Location

Location

Building Number:	20-26
Street Name:	William Street South
Postal Code:	N7M 4S1
Locality:	Chatham
Community:	Municipality of Chatham-Kent
Upper Tier:	n/a

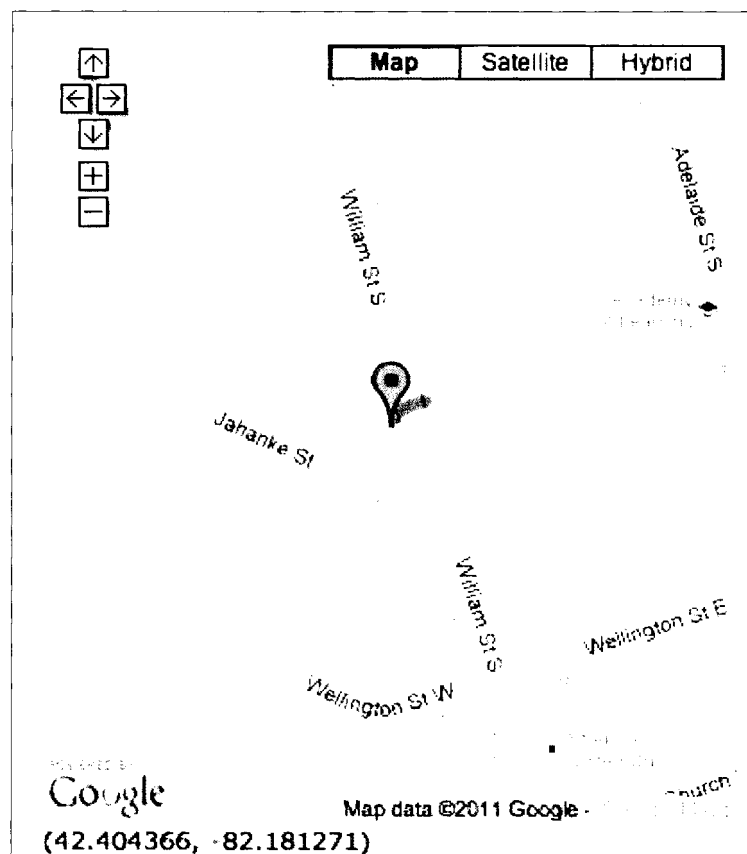
Coordinates

UTM		Latitude/Longitude	
Determination:	n/a	Determination:	Geocoding
Datum:	n/a	Datum:	NAD83
Zone:	n/a	Latitude:	42.404366
Northing:	n/a	Longitude:	-82.181271
Easting:	n/a		
Borden #:	n/a	Borden #:	n/a

Boundaries

Boundary Description:	Part of Lots 79 and 80, Old Survey, Municipality of Chatham-Kent.
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Map



Description

Statement of Significance

Description of Historic Place: i.e. Description of Property	20-26 William Street South is located on the west side of William Street, south of King Street West in the City of Chatham, Municipality of Chatham-Kent. The property consists of a two-and-a-half storey salmon-brick commercial building that was constructed circa 1903.
Heritage Value: i.e. Statement of Cultural Heritage Value or Interest	<p><i>Historical and Associative Value:</i></p> <p>20-26 William Street South is associated with the commercial history of downtown Chatham. In 1903, the neighbouring Merrill Hotel expanded onto this site when it added a "hallway and staircase." It is believed that during this construction three storefronts were built adjoining the Merrill Hotel. The storefronts showcased a variety of businesses over the years, including the Bates Bros. in 1915 who went on to erect the neighbouring Bates Building at 28-34 William Street South. Also housed in the storefronts were businesses such as V.C. Hunter's butcher shop, Fidenherg Fruits, a bakery and a succession of barber shops.</p> <p><i>Design or Physical Value:</i></p> <p>20-26 William Street South is representative of early 20th century commercial architecture. Its two-and-a-half-storey salmon-brick construction is topped by a plain cornice. The detailing lies in the corbelled brickwork and labels over the windows on the second storey that feature concrete sills. The brick pilasters extend past the roofline and provide clear delineation of the structure's six bays.</p> <p><i>Contextual Value:</i></p> <p>King Street is the historic main street of Chatham and the south side has historically been the busier side of the street, housing some of the oldest brick buildings in the City. This area has come to represent the centre of business and the home to many of the area's hostelries. Throughout the 1850s and 60s, the corner of King and William Streets housed the first Baptist Church and from there along the south side of King to the Market Square was a series of wood frame shops, such as William Northwood's grocery store, the Dublin House and R.O. Smith's furniture store. The corner's historic prominence was enhanced by the nearby industry across McGregor's Creek, including the T.H. Taylor Woollen Mill at 14 William Street North, built in 1869, and the Beaver Flour Mill, built in 1872, but which burnt down in the 1980s.</p> <p>It was not until the 1880s that these buildings at King and William Streets were replaced with the brick structures that exist today and have come to house many of the City's most successful businesses. The structures from the Bates Building at 28-34 William Street South and around the corner to 16 King Street West form a continuous commercial front. Most of these buildings are two or three storeys, therefore maximizing their frontage on the main street. The basements of all the structures on this prominent corner were connected and it was believed that they were used in rum running during the era of prohibition.</p> <p><i>Sources:</i></p> <p>Chatham Directory, 1876-1877, 1915, 1919. <i>Community on Thames</i>, 1987. Municipality of Chatham-Kent Heritage Register Municipality of Chatham-Kent Land Registry Records <i>There Was a Time</i>, Jim & Lisa Gilbert. <i>Windfall</i>, 1979.</p>

Character-Defining Elements: i.e. Description of Heritage Attributes	<p>Key exterior elements of 20-26 William Street South that contribute to its value as representative of early 20th century commercial architecture include its:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - two-and-a-half-storey salmon-brick construction - flat roof - plain cornice - corbelled brickwork on the second storey - double hung windows on the second storey including labels and concrete sills - brick pilasters that extend past the roofline and separate the six bays <p>Key elements of 20-26 William Street South that support its contextual value include its:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - location near the corner of King and William Streets - proximity to McGregor Creek and commercial businesses in downtown Chatham - forms part of continuous commercial store fronts that stretch from 28-34 William Street South to 16 King Street West
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Contributing Resources		Type:	Count:	
		Building	1	
Area (m²)	168			
Dates of Significance	#	Type:	From:	To:
	1	Construction (circa)	1903	1903
BA	#	Type:	Name:	
	1	Architect	n/a	
	2	Builder	n/a	

Function Category and Type

Category and Type	#	Function:	Category:	Type:
	1	Historic	Commerce	Shop or Wholesale Establishment
	2	Current	Commerce	Hotel, Motel or Inn

Theme

Theme Category Type	#	Category:	Type:
	1	Developing Economies	Trade and Commerce

Images

	Image 1:	Image 2:	Image 3:
File Path:	n/a	n/a	n/a
Image Type:	Contemporary Photograph	Contemporary Photograph	Contemporary Photograph
Caption:	Façade of 20-26 William Street South	Detailed View of the Façade of 20-26 William Street South	Contextual View of 20-26 William Street South
Description:	East facing façade depicting the two-and-a-half-storey salmon-brick construction, 2011.	Featured are the brick pilasters that extend past the roofline and separate the six bays, 2011.	Southwest view of 20-26 William Street South and the adjoining 2-4 King Street West, 2011.
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Miscellaneous Info:	n/a	n/a	n/a



Image 1

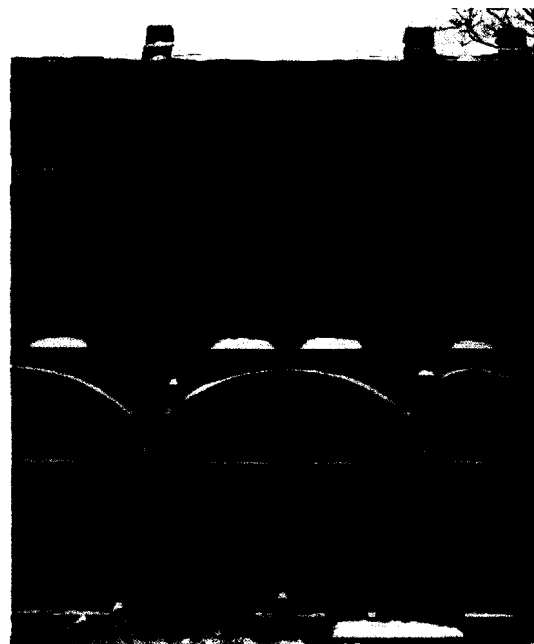


Image 2



Image 3

Resources

Location of Documents:	Chatham Cultural Centre 75 William Street North Chatham Ontario N7M 4L4		
Collections:	n/a		
Related Link	URL:	Type:	Description:
	http://www.chatham-kent.ca	Local Government Website	Municipality of Chatham-Kent Website
	http://retrosuites.com	Other	Retro Suites Website

Management

Ownership Type:	Private (Taxable Corporation)
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