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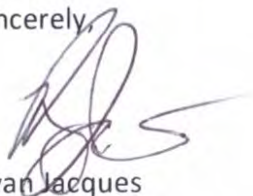
**Re: Notice of Intention to Designate -
86 Main Street East, Ridgetown, ON N0P 2C0
Municipality of Chatham-Kent**

Council of the Municipality of Chatham-Kent at its meeting on May 11, 2015 approved the Intention to Designate the property known as the 86 Main Street, Community of Ridgetown, described as Plan 269 Part Lot 25 South Part Lot 23 under Part IV of the *Ontario Heritage Act*, for its cultural heritage value or interest, as defined by one or more of the Criteria under *Ontario Regulation 9/06*.

If no notice of objection is served within the 30-day period, Council shall pass a by-law designating the property or shall withdraw the notice of intention to designate the property by causing a notice of withdrawal.

Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at (519) 352-8401 Ext. 3049.

Sincerely,



Ryan Jacques
Planner

In the Matter of the Ontario Heritage Act

Notice of Intent to Designate

The Ontario Heritage Act, R.S.O., 1990, Chapter O.18 as amended, provides that the Municipal Council may pass a by-law designating property within the boundaries of the municipality to be of cultural heritage value and interest. The Council of the Municipality of Chatham-Kent hereby gives Notice of Intent to designate the following:

Description of Property:

86 Main Street East, Community of Ridgetown, described as Plan 269 Part Lot 25 South Part Lot 23

Statement of Cultural Heritage Value or Interest:

Historical/Associative (OHA Reg. 9/06):

The property has been associated with several people that played a significant role in the development of Ridgetown.

The structure was originally built in 1888 by one of Ridgetown's early medical practitioners, Dr. John Stalker however, his ownership of the property was short-lived and in 1890, the house was sold to Robert Porterfield and his wife Pamela (nee Mitton). Robert Porterfield was an avid sportsman who played on Ridgetown's successful lacrosse team in the early 1880s. During his ownership of 86 Main Street, he was involved in the establishment of Ridgetown's lawn bowling which remains to this day a significant asset for the town. Until 1904, the lawn bowling green, or pitch, was located on Porterfield's property behind the present house on Head Street.

The Porterfield's sold the property in 1908 and the property saw several owners until 1920 when purchased by Angus Gillanders from Highgate. Gillanders served in several community organizations including as secretary of the Howard Farmers' Mutual Fire Insurance Company. Perhaps his most significant lasting contribution to Ridgetown was as a leading force in the establishment of the Experimental Farm & Vocational School in the 1920s (now Ridgetown Campus, University of Guelph).

Following Gillanders' death in 1944, the property became the home to Joel Wooten, a long serving and last police chief of Ridgetown. Upon his retirement in 1950, local policing was contracted to the OPP.

Design/Physical (OHA Reg. 9/06):

The Porterfield House is an excellent and well preserved example of a late 19th century upper middle class town house. The original block of the house features a steep-pitched front gable façade with decorative bargeboard trim, bracketed bay windows on the southern and eastern exposure, locally idiosyncratic medallion-topped window trim, flanked by a decoratively embellished double door front entrance.

Contextual (OHA Reg. 9/06):

The Porterfield House is a landmark along the north side of Main Street East and, in conjunction with several other Victorian homes that survive in the immediate area, helps define the early estate layout of this section of town prior to early 20th century subdivision and infill.

The report on the designation of this property is available upon request. Any person may for any of these properties, within 30 days of the date of this Notice, serve on the Clerk, a Notice of Objection in writing, setting out the objection and all relevant facts. Where a Notice of Objection has been served, the Council of the Municipality of Chatham-Kent shall refer the matter to the Conservation Review Board for a hearing.

Dated at the Municipality of Chatham-Kent this 12th day of May, 2015.