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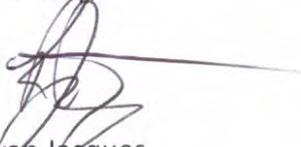
**Re: Notice of Intention to Designate -
22026 A.D. Shadd Road, North Buxton, ON N0P 1Y0
Municipality of Chatham-Kent**

Council of the Municipality of Chatham-Kent at its meeting on May 11, 2015 approved the Intention to Designate the property known as the 22026 A.D. Shadd Road Community of North Buxton, described as Plan 177 Lot 10 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 0.18 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:

22026 A.D. Shadd Road Community of North Buxton, described as Plan 177 Lot 10

Statement of Cultural Heritage Value or Interest:

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

The train station on the property was originally built as a station along the Canada Southern Railroad (later the Michigan Central in 1883, then the New York Central in 1929, and later the Penn Central and Conrail) that was a piece of defining transportation infrastructure that changed the settlement patterns of Essex, Kent, and Elgin Counties. The new railroad was built from St. Thomas running along the southern part of Elgin and Kent Counties but north of the previously established settlements closer to Lake Erie along the Talbot Trail. As a result, many new towns developed along its route including, in Kent County, communities such as Highgate, Muirkirk, Ridgetown, Charing Cross, Tilbury, and North Buxton. Although the North Buxton train station has been moved twice, it is still within a few hundred meters of its original location and is still adjacent to the original Canada Southern property. It is one of very few intact stations from the Canada Southern period that remain in Southwestern Ontario.

The station also has important historical association to the Elgin Settlement. The original "centre" of this important settlement, established by Rev. William King in 1849 for fugitives of slavery, was in South Buxton, located along the Middle Road in Raleigh Township. Following the building of the Canada Southern Railroad, commercial development shifted to North Buxton. The railroad provided direct employment opportunities for many Elgin Settlement men. Local men helped build the rail line and, after completion, many were employed as station men to maintain the tracks and the railway bed. Local men also gained employment as porters on the passenger trains that ran on these tracks. Indirectly, the rail line resulted in the construction of a hotel, lumber mills, and other industrial enterprises that took advantage of the transportation opportunities. It created an ease of transportation that facilitated travel between the Buxton Settlement and Detroit, the ties of which are still strongly evident in the community today. The North Buxton community is largely the result of the railroad which this train station is directly and iconically associated with.

The North Buxton train station is also associated with two train derailments that happened close-by, one on June 14, 1913, and the other on May 14, 1914. Fortunately nobody was hurt in either instance but the events were still locally notable (the latter event tore up over ½ mile of track).

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

The North Buxton train station is an excellent and rare surviving example of a third quarter 19th century rural way station. The rectangular frame structure with centre bay window retains its original board and batten exterior, interior room layout, flooring, panelled walls, ceilings, wainscot, doors, and trim.

Contextual (OHA Reg. 9/06):

Although relocated, the North Buxton train station is within a few hundred meters of its original site and remains in direct proximity to the railroad corridor that it once served, preserving this original contextual association. It remains in a highly visible location within this important Black Heritage community, being situated on the main street of the village (A.D. Shadd Road) and is an important local landmark.

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.