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IN THE MATTER OF The Ontario Heritage Act, 1974, S.O. Chapter 122;

AND IN THE MATTER OF the lands and premises at the following Municipal addresses, in the Province of Ontario.

## NOTICE OF INTENTION TO DESIGNATE

TO:

Ontario Heritage Foundation 77 Bloor Street West Toronto, Ontario. M7A 2R9

TAKE NOTICE that the Council of the Corporation of the City of Orillia intends to designate the properties, including lands and buildings, at the following municipal adresses, as properties of architectural and historical value or interest under Part IV of The Ontario Heritage Act, 1974, S.O. Chapter 122.

a) The Orillia Opera House, West and Mississaga Streets, Orillia.

## Reasons for proposed designation:

The Orillia Opera House on West Street has been recommended for designation for historical and architectural reasons. Built in 1895, this predominantly brick building has served as a Town Hall, theatre, market, municipal offices, police station and jail. In 1915 the Opera House was gutted by fire and reopened two years later. The interior maintains several original features typical of that period of construction. In its detachment from the neighbouring commercial blocks this twin turretted structure with its detailed cornice and brickwork lends an impressive air to downtown Orillia.

b) The Stephen Leacock Memorial Home, Old Brewery Bay, Orillia.

## Reasons for proposed designation:

The Stephen Leacock Memorial Home on Old Brewery Bay has been recommended for designation for historical and architectural reasons. In 1928, Stephen Leacock had the house built as a summer residence. Mr. Leacock, a world famous humorist and economist, had some 61 books to his credit. After his death in 1944 the Town of Orillia purchased the property, which has since been declared a National Historic Site, and is now a Leacock Museum. In its park-like setting, the steep pitched roofs and configuration of dormers, balconies and porches makes this house as unique as its owner was.

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 Clerk of the City of Orillia before the 17th day of July, 1978.

Dated at Orillia, Ontario, this 19th day of June

1978.



B.D. Bayne Clerk-Administrator P.O. Box 340 Orillia, Ontario. L3V 6J1