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CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF DUNDAS

OFFICE OF THE  
TOWN CLERK

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March 15, 1985

REGISTERED MAIL

Ministry of Culture, Tourism and Recreation  
Heritage Branch,  
77 Bloor Street West, 2nd Floor, ---  
Toronto, Ontario.  
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Re: Notice of Intention to Designate Property  
at 15 Park Street East  
Under the Ontario Heritage Act  
Our File R01

Dear Sir:

Please be advised that for three consecutive Wednesdays beginning March 22, 1995 an ad will be placed in the Dundas Star indicating that the municipality is intending to designate the property at 15 Park Street East under the Ontario Heritage Act.

A copy of the ad is attached to this letter for your information.

You are being notified of intention to designate the property pursuant to Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act.

Please be advised that if no objections are received regarding this designation, a By-law will be forwarded to Town Council on April 24, 1995.

Yours very truly,

SLS:brs  
Encl.

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Ms. Susan L. Steele, A.M.C.T.  
Town Clerk.

CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF DUNDAS

IN THE MATTER OF THE ONTARIO HERITAGE ACT, CHAPTER 0.18, R.S.O. 1990,  
AND IN THE MATTER OF THE DESIGNATION OF THE PROPERTY KNOWN AS 15 PARK  
STREET EAST IN THE TOWN OF DUNDAS IN THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO.

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO DESIGNATE

TAKE NOTICE THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Dundas  
intends to designate property of historical and architectural value or  
interest under the Ontario Heritage Act, Chapter 0.18, R.S.O. 1990.

PROPERTY PROPOSED FOR DESIGNATION

15 PARK STREET EAST

## REASONS FOR DESIGNATION

### Historical Significance

15 Park St. E. was built in 1859-60 by Walter Chisholm, the first Town Clerk of Dundas. On his death his niece, Mrs. Peter Laing, inherited the property. The Laings were a prominent family and all of the six sons became important citizens of the town. Peter, Robert and George were successful grocers and built the Laing Block on King St. Dr. Edgar Laing was a dentist and Walter Laing played the organ for St. James Church until his death.

In 1903 the house was sold to Mr. and Mrs. James Beatty Grafton who converted it to a carriage house adjoining their property on Cross St. Mr. Grafton was one of the town's wealthy business men, employing some 400 people in his stores.

In 1927 the property was purchased by Mr. Tom Folkes who operated a riding academy from 1935 until 1978. He was caretaker and later verger of St. James Church and a member of the choir. The present owners operate a pottery on the premises.

### Architectural Significance

15 Park St. E. was once a beautiful 1 1/2 storey Georgian stone building. In 1903 it was converted to a coach house, giving the exterior an unusual but pleasing facade. At this time a 1 1/2 storey brick stable and hayloft was added to the rear, but the original living quarters on the second and third floors were retained. Of its Georgian characteristics it retains the low-pitched gabled roof with large bracketed eaves and two single symmetrically placed stone chimneys on the side walls. Three well-shaped rectangular windows on the second storey of the facade have plain stone lintels and lugsills with plain wood trim around 6/6 sash windows. The ground floor of the facade maintains the symmetry. The central door was cut away to allow access for the carriages and has a wooden porch shading it. The right window is now the entrance to the living quarters with a glass transom and a plain wooden door with glass panels. The left window remains intact. The carriage doors have been replaced with two sliding glass doors. The ground floor is currently used as a pottery show room. The right hand side of the stable has the original hayloft door and the hole above where a beam passed through to lift the hay to the second floor by rope and pulley. The rear window of the hayloft was converted to a door sometime after 1935 to give access to a porch and the rear yard. In 1993 the present owner built a small addition to the rear of the stable for his kilns, incorporating the porch and the door above. The rear door through which the horses were lead to pasture now provides access to this addition.

### Features to be Designated

The surviving elements of the stone facade and side walls including the low-pitched gabled roof and chimneys and the original windows with their lintels and lugsills, but excluding the sliding glass doors and wooden porch.

Council's consent will not be required for any alteration, maintenance, repair, replacement or improvement of elements of the property unless they affect the reason for designation.

Any person may within 30 days of the first publication of this notice, send by registered mail or deliver to the Clerk of the Town of Dundas, notice of his or her objection to the proposed designation together with a statement of the reason for the objection and all relevant facts. If such notice of objection is received, the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Dundas shall refer the matter to the Conservation Review Board for a hearing.

DATED AT THE TOWN OF DUNDAS this 22nd day of March, 1995.

Ms. Susan L. Steele, A.M.C.T.  
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