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CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF DUNDAS

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December 8, 1999

Ministry of Citizenship, Culture and Recreation
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**CONSERVATION REVIEW
BOARD**

Re: Notice of Intention to Designate 16 Sydenham Street, Dundas
Our File R01

Dear Sir:

Please be advised that an ad will be placed in the Dundas Star News on December 15, 1999 indicating that the municipality is intending to designate the above noted property in Dundas 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 this 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 January 17, 2000.

Yours very truly,


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

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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 16 SYDENHAM STREET 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.

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 within 30 days of the publication of this notice may 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 15th day of December, 1999.

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

Reasons for Designation

Historical Significance

Mr. John Cowper, a furniture maker who emigrated from Bristol, England to Dundas, in 1845, built 16 Sydenham Street in the 1860's. John Cowper opened a furniture and undertaking business in a store at the southeast corner of King Street and Memorial Square now occupied by the Royal Bank Building. Willoughby Cowper (John's son) had the first telephone in Dundas installed at his place of business. Over the next 100 years, the Cowper family would prosper in Dundas, involved in furniture and undertaking, coal and wood, telegraph and express services and finally in the hardware business which operated in Dundas until the late 1960's. In the 1920's, 16 Sydenham Street was the home of Dr. A. C. Caldwell who served as Mayor of Dundas from 1924 – 1927 and from 1931 – 1935.

Architectural Significance

16 Sydenham Street is a fine example of Gothic Revival architecture which was popular in Ontario from the 1840's to the 1870's. It is a one and a half storey rough cast stucco dwelling built on a stone rubble foundation. Among its many Gothic features is the decorative bargeboard which trims all the gable ends and eaves. Decorative wooden finials extend from the apex of each gable. The original front entrance is now concealed behind a later addition to the front of the house, but the back basement and kitchen doorways remain intact. The windows of the dwelling are double hung with wooden trim and distinctive decorative sills. In gothic style, the upper storey windows feature triangular peaked transoms. A triple bay window with segmental surrounds protrudes from the back (north) wall.

The wood framed structure at the western end of the house, adjacent to the kitchen, may have been built as the original "one room" dwelling. The house, which is the subject of this designation, was later added in stages to this wood framed structure.

To be noted on the north side of the dwelling is the remnant of the original stone wall.

Features to be Designated

The following features of 16 Sydenham Street are subject to this designation: the exterior front (south) elevation, side (east) elevation and back (north) elevation of the dwelling; all gothic windows and wooden frames on the upper and lower storeys; the back kitchen and basement doorways; the entire gabled roofline including decorative trim and finials.