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Dear Mr. Moorhouse:

**Re: Notice of Intention to Designate
Willoughby Township Hall
11211 Sodom Road, Niagara Falls**

In accordance with the requirements of the Ontario Heritage Act, please find attached a copy of a Notice of Intention to Designate the above noted property. The property is to be designated under Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act for historic and architectural reasons, as contained in the report appended to the Notice. The Notice of Intention to Designate was published in the Niagara Falls Review on September 28, 1996.

Should you require additional information, please give me a call at (905) 356-7521, extension 4231.

Yours truly,

Alex Herlovitch
Deputy Director of Planning & Development

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Attach.

c: E. C. Wagg, City Clerk

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NOTICE OF INTENTION TO DESIGNATE

TAKE NOTICE that the Council of the Corporation of the City of Niagara Falls intends to designate the following building as a property of historic and architectural value and interest under the terms of the Ontario Heritage Act, R.S.O. 1990:

Willoughby Township Hall
11211 Sodom Road

The property is located on the west side of Sodom Road south of Marshall Road, being Part of Lot 12, Concession 3 former Township of Willoughby, City of Niagara Falls, Ontario.

HISTORICAL & ARCHITECTURAL SIGNIFICANCE

The Township was first surveyed in 1787 and received the name Willoughby in 1792 from Governor John Graves Simcoe after a town in Lincolnshire, England. In 1877, the Township of Willoughby purchased 1.5 acres of land from Jacob Morningstar for the purpose of building a town hall. The total land costs were \$110. Later that same year, David Morningstar erected a 25 by 40 foot frame and clabboured building at a reported cost of \$600. The Hall was the site of many municipal events and the centre of many social activities in Willoughby Township.

The Township Hall is a local vernacular of the Classical Revival style. The building retains its symmetrical appearance, characteristic of the style, and round headed windows with 4 over 4 window sash. The twisted spoke style window in the central front gable and the original tall rounded headed front entrance have been removed.

The Hall is the last tangible evidence of the former Willoughby Township and is a symbol of the rural community which contributed to the growth and prosperity of the area. The Township Hall has served the Community in various ways for 118 years and is still serving the community today.

Notice of Objection to the designation of the above noted property may be served on the Clerk of the City of Niagara Falls within 30 days of the date of this notice.

For further information regarding the proposed designation, please contact Alex Herkovitch, Planning & Development Department, 356-7521, ext. 4231.

Dated this 28th day of September, 1996.

E. C. Wagg
City Clerk

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