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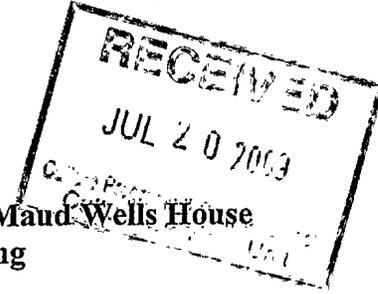
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July 15th, 2009

Ontario Heritage Trust
10 Adelaide Street East
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Dear Sirs:

RE: Notice of Intention to Designate the Crawford and Maud Wells House
12974 Keele Street, King City, ON, Township of King
Plan 84 Lot 2, Concession 4, Part Lot 5
Assessment Roll Number 036-797



This is to advise that at its meeting of June 22nd, 2009, Council approved Clerks Department Report CL-2009-23 which advised of a request from the Township of King Heritage Committee to consider designating the Crawford and Maud Wells House, King City under Part IV, s. 29 of the *Ontario Heritage Act*, RSO 1990. Council endorsed the recommendations of the Report to approve the request.

Please find enclosed for your information, a copy of the Clerks Department Report CL-2009-23, and the Notice of Intention to Designate the Crawford and Maud Wells House as a property of cultural heritage value or interest.

An abbreviated Notice will be published in the local newspaper, the King Weekly on July 22nd, 2009. If you require any further information, please contact the undersigned.

Yours truly

Chris Somerville
Township Clerk

Encls.

c.c. King Township Heritage Committee
Catherine Wellesley



**THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF KING
NOTICE OF INTENTION TO DESIGNATE PROPERTY
UNDER THE *ONTARIO HERITAGE ACT***

In the matter of the *Ontario Heritage Act*, R.S.O. 1990, c.O.18 as amended and in the matter of lands and premises described as Plan 84, Lot 2 Concession 4, Part of Lot 5 in the Township of King in the Regional Municipality of York, Province of Ontario:

TAKE NOTICE that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of King intends to designate the following property as a property of cultural heritage value or interest under Part IV, S. 29 of the *Ontario Heritage Act*, R.S.O. 1990:

**Crawford and Maud Wells House
12974 Keele Street, King City**

The Crawford and Maud Wells House meets the criteria for municipal designation prescribed by the Province of Ontario under the three categories of design or physical value, historical/associative value and contextual value. The subject property is a unique example of a Victorian Era Ontario farmhouse situated on the west side of Keele Street south of the King Road in the Village of King City and was the home of a well-known local merchant couple. The property has been an influence on the streetscape of the village for over 100 years and is a reminder of the small town history of the community.

REASONS FOR DESIGNATION:

Description of Property

The Crawford & Maud Wells House, is a unique example of a Victorian era Ontario Farmhouse is situated on the west side of Keele Street, south of King Road in the village of King City.

Statement of Cultural Heritage Value or Interest

The cultural heritage value of the Crawford & Maud Wells House is related to its design/physical value as a unique example of a late Victorian era Ontario Farmhouse. Its original, vernacular red brick, L-shaped plan, familiar features of the Ontario Farmhouse style, combine many of the typical and more decorative elements common to late 19th - early 20th century Victorian homes. While other features add a distinctive Gothic flavour that together demonstrate an attractive mixture of styles.

The cultural heritage value of the Crawford & Maud Wells House is related to its historical/associative value as the one time home of Crawford G. Wells and (Cora Beatrice) Maud Watson, for over 60 years merchants and owners of Crawford Wells general store located across the road. Built in 1900, the house became home to the couple in 1916 where they remained until

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his 1959 and her 1977 death. For 61 years the property was the well known home of the Wells, widely respected for their long standing mercantile service to the community.

The cultural value of the Crawford & Maud Wells House also relates to its contextual value as a well known landmark, prominent anchor and influence to the streetscape. For over 100 years the house and property have continued to serve as a reminder and link to the small town past of the community of King City.

Description of Heritage Attributes

The heritage attributes of the Crawford & Maud Wells House related to its cultural heritage value as an unique example of a late Victorian era Ontario Farmhouse, the home of a well known local merchant couple, and as an over 100 year influence on the streetscape and reminder of the small town past of the community are portrayed by its:

- red brick construction
- yellow brick quoins
- yellow brick lintels on windows and doors
- vertical red brick lintels on windows
- arched lintels and narrow arched windows on second storey of east and north façades
- position and construction of wood frame windows and sills
- east façade veranda with wood bargeboard and columns
- steep gable and dormer on second storey east and north façades
- steep gable on second storey of east and south facades
- red brick chimney on west façade
- projecting 2 storey east façade
- l-shape plan

Further information regarding this project is available at the Township of King, Clerks Department at the address below, from 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m., Monday – Friday.

Any person may, within thirty (30) days of publication of this notice, send by registered mail or deliver to the Clerk of the Township of King notice of his or her objection to the designation, together with a statement of the reasons for the objection and all relevant facts. When a Notice of Objection has been received, the Council of the Township of King will refer the matter to the Conservation Review Board for a hearing and report.

Dated at the Township of King this 15th day of July, 2009.

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