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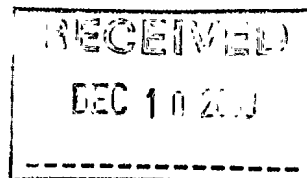
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BY REGISTERED MAIL

December 8, 2009

Ontario Heritage Trust
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Dear Sirs:

**RE: Ontario Heritage Act—Notice of Intention to Designate
29 Main Street West, Kingsville, Ontario**

Enclosed please find Notice of Intention to Designate, which is being served upon you pursuant to Section 29(3) of the Ontario Heritage Act, R.S.O. 1990, c.O.18.

An abbreviated form of this Notice was published in the November 24, 2009 edition of The Kingsville Reporter, a newspaper having general circulation in the municipality of Kingsville.

Yours truly,

Linda Burling, Clerk
LB/sjk

Encl.



CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF KINGSVILLE

IN THE MATTER OF THE ONTARIO HERITAGE ACT, R.S.O. 1990, c. O. 18, AS AMENDED, AND
IN THE MATTER OF THE PROPERTY LEGALLY DESCRIBED AS PART OF LOT 5, PLAN 184-185
IN THE TOWN OF KINGSVILLE, IN THE COUNTY OF ESSEX AND PROVINCE OF ONTARIO

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO DESIGNATE

TAKE NOTICE THAT the Council of The Corporation of the Town of Kingsville intends to designate, under Part IV of the *Ontario Heritage Act*, the property legally described as Part of Lot 5, Plan 184-185, known municipally as 29 Main Street West, in the Town of Kingsville, in the Province of Ontario.

Description of Property: St. George's Lodge #41 A.F. & A.M., 29 Main Street West

Constructed in 1889, the property is the eastern section of the Union Block, a two-storey red brick building constructed in 1889 in the Italianate style, located on the south side of Main Street West in the original Town of Kingsville

Statement of Cultural Heritage Value or Interest:

The building's cultural value lies in its association with the fraternal society of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons. In March 1889, members of St. George's Lodge A.F. & A.M., which had existed in Kingsville since 1852, expressed concern over the appearance of their building which stood on the north side of Main Street West. Instead of making improvements to the existing building, they partnered with the Odd Fellow Society to build the Union Block across the street. The Masons held their first meeting in their new home on December 27, 1889.

Fraternal societies were important to the early development of Kingsville and other Canadian towns and cities. While many of the Masons' activities were rituals shrouded in secrecy, the main pursuits were fellowship and teaching morality. Because of the inherent social nature of such organizations, many respected townsmen, including civic leaders, physicians and business owners, were members of St. George's Lodge.

In the early days, the Masons rented out the ground floor of their new building to a number of tenants who exemplified the early development of the Town. One such tenant was merchant and tailor Charles J. Ballard, who operated his business on the premises from 1895 to 1897.

The Union Block was designed by architect John Alexander Maycock, whose work still defines Kingsville's architectural landscape. Maycock designed such landmarks as the Church of the Epiphany (formerly St. John's Church) and the DeJean Block on Main Street West and the Conklin Block on the southeast corner of Main and Division Streets.

The building's cultural value also lies in it being a well preserved example of one of the few remaining Italianate designs in Kingsville. Typical of this style, the building features ornate masonry including segmental arches, pilasters, hooded crowns and bracketed cornices.

***Description of Heritage Attributes:**

Key exterior attributes that embody the heritage value of St. George's Lodge as an example of the Italianate design include:

- Segmental arches, flat roof, pilasters, bracketed cornices, belt course, hooded crowns, dentils in the middle of the building

Interior features of heritage significance include:

- Wooden floor inset with a border of blue and white tiles incorporating a compass rose design;
- tin ceiling, wood mouldings and wainscoting and stained glass window.

Any person may, within thirty days of the publication of this notice, send by registered mail or deliver to the Clerk of the Town of Kingsville notice of his or her objection to the proposed designation together with a statement of the reasons for the objection and all relevant facts.

DATED at Kingsville, this 24th day of November, 2009.

Linda Burling, Clerk
The Corporation of the Town of Kingsville
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