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**SENT BY REGISTERED MAIL**

July 30, 2015

Ontario Heritage Trust  
Heritage Programs and Operation  
10 Adelaide St. East  
Toronto, ON M5C 1J3

Attention: Mr. <sup>✓</sup> Registrar

*Calvin Ostrer*

Dear Mr. Leonard:

**RE: Notice of Intention to Designate 126 Division St. North, Kingsville**

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 version of this Notice will also be published in the August 4, 2015 edition of The Kingsville Reporter, a newspaper having general circulation in the municipality of Kingsville.

Please acknowledge receipt of this correspondence on the additional copy enclosed.  
Thank you.

Yours truly,

*Sandra Kitchen*

Sandra Kitchen, Acting Clerk  
Corporate Services Department  
[skitchen@kingsville.ca](mailto:skitchen@kingsville.ca)

Encl.

cc: Dr. L. Miljan, Chair, Kingsville Municipal Heritage Advisory Committee

*x Calvin Ostrer*  
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Receipt acknowledged  
Dated: August 4, 2015



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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: PT LT 1, CON 1, WESTERN DIVISION, GOSFIELD (KINGSVILLE) AS IN R1405535; KINGSVILLE; 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 PT LT 1, CON 1, WESTERN DIVISION, GOSFIELD (KINGSVILLE) AS IN R1405535; KINGSVILLE and municipally known as 126 Division Street North

**Description of Property:** The Warren R. Watters House

Constructed in 1922, The Warren R. Watters house is a 2 and ½-storey brick house designed in the Edwardian Classic style with some Arts and Crafts features. It is located on the west side of Division St. North in the original Town of Kingsville

**Historical Significance:**

The cultural heritage value of the Warren R. Watters house lies in its association with Warren R. Watters, a railway employee. This house was part of a grand plan by Mr. Watters and W. Howard Gardner who were brothers-in-law. Watters and Gardner were married to two sisters Mabel A. and Minnie B. Griffith, whose father was Amos B. Griffith, the Chief of Police for Walkerville (Windsor) Ontario for 33 years. Griffith was appointed as police chief by Hiram Walker in 1887 and served until his retirement in 1920. The sisters wanted to live close to each other and Watters and Gardner planned to have twin, side by side houses constructed in Kingsville for their wives. Gardner owned Gardner's Fair, a furniture store at 21 Wyandotte Avenue, Walkerville and Watters was an employee. They chose Kingsville for their residences despite the daily railway commute that was entailed in living in this rural location.

The houses were located on North Division Road, with the Watters house north of the Gardner house, opposite what was at the time the Brown and Wigle Woolen Mill site. They were built side by side on a slight elevation,

sharing a bridge across Mill Creek and a picturesque country laneway between them.

**Description of Heritage Attributes:**

Key attributes that embody the heritage value of the Warren R. Watters house:

The Watters House exhibits many of the characteristics of the Edwardian style. The house is a rectangular red brick building with 2 ½ stories. The entrance door is off-centre and includes a plain front porch which has been painted white and adorned with cobblestone columns. The battered piers (stone pillars with a wider base which narrows towards the top) contrast to the white floor and trim. The piers are topped with a unique, large, heavy supporting bracket. The porch roof is a pedimented gable.

Exterior features include:

- Low-pitched, gabled roof;
- Shed dormer with a window;
- Side verandah which carries its own roof;
- Vernacular use of local cobblestone as seen in the front pillars and the foundation, as well as the base and columns of the verandah.

Interior features include:

- Seven 15-pane glass doors, of which three are French;
- Original patterned hardwood oak floors;
- Oak staircase with handcrafted spindles with a simple repetitive motif;
- Simple square design of the newel post consistent with Arts and Crafts movement;
- Decorative oak beam ceiling in original dining room;
- Oak mantel

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 30<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2015.

Sandra Kitchen, Acting Clerk  
The Corporation of the Town of Kingsville  
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