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# CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF KINGSVILLE

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November 3, 2011

Ontario Heritage Trust  
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Dear Sirs:

**RE: Ontario Heritage Act—Notice of Intention to Designate  
311 Lakeview Avenue, 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*.

Yours very truly,

Sandra Kitchen, Deputy Clerk/Council Services

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Enclosure



# 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 LT 1-3, PL 606 GOSFIELD  
SOUTH, 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 LT 1-2 PL 606 GOSFIELD SOUTH; KINGSVILLE municipally known as 311 Lakeview Avenue, in the Town of Kingsville in the Province of Ontario.

**Description of Property:** The Will Levington Comfort House and Stone Study

Constructed in 1915, The Will Levington Comfort House is a two-storey stone house in the Mission style, located on the north shore of Lake Erie in the original Town of Kingsville. Constructed in 1914, the Stone Study is a 16-foot by 23-foot, one storey stone building in the Craftsman style occupying the same lot.

**Statement of Cultural Heritage Value or Interest:**

The property's cultural heritage value lies in its association with American author Will Levington Comfort. Comfort was a war correspondent and novelist. He was best known for his adventure novels, such as *Apache*. Many of his novels were adapted into films. Born in Kalamazoo, Michigan, he had served in the Fifth United States Cavalry during the Spanish American War. He was a war correspondent in the Philippine Islands, China, Russia and Japan for newspaper syndicates. His sudden death at the age of 54 led to a coroner's investigation.

The cultural heritage value of The Will Levington Comfort House also lies in it being a fine and one of the only examples of Mission architecture in Kingsville. It was constructed by the Oxley Brothers. The black metal lighting fixtures inside the house are original and reflect this style, as do the interior stucco walls. Typical of this style, the house features a red tile roof, stone façade and arched open balcony overlooking a sweeping view of Lake Erie. Levington had his Stone Study, with its commanding fireplace, beamed ceiling and large oak door, built first. He wrote at least one book in this "stone cave", as he described it.

**Description of Heritage Attributes:**

Key attributes that embody the heritage value of The William Levington Comfort House and Stone Study House include many examples of fine craftsmanship and materials unique to Essex: stone façade; wood roof, painted red to look like tile; stone fireplaces; hardwood flooring; two-storey atrium with central fountain and peaked roof of wired glass; interior oak woodwork including balcony in atrium; oak cabinetry and oak interior doors.

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 1<sup>st</sup> day of November, 2011.

Ruth Orton-Pert, Director of Corporate Services/Clerk  
The Corporation of the Town of Kingsville  
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