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December 4, 2013

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

Attention: Mr. Jim Leonard, Registrar

Dear Mr. Leonard:

**RE: Ontario Heritage Act—Notice of Intention to Designate
189 Main St. West, 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 was published in the September 17, 2013 edition of The Kingsville Reporter, a newspaper having general circulation in the municipality of Kingsville.

If you should have any questions, please contact the undersigned.

Yours truly,

Sandra Kitchen, Deputy Clerk-Council Services
Corporate Services Department

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Enclosure

BY REGISTERED MAIL



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: PT LT 3, CONC 1,
WESTERN DIVISION,
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 3, Concession 1, Western Division, municipally known as 189 Main St. West in the Town of Kingsville in the Province of Ontario.

Description of Property: The William T. Conklin House

Completed in 1923, the William T. Conklin House is a 2-storey brick dwelling located on the south side of Main Street West just west of downtown Kingsville. The house is predominately Georgian Revival in style although it also contains many elements of Italian Revival style, as well as local Kingsville features.

Statement of Cultural Heritage Value or Interest:

The property's cultural heritage value lies in its association with William T. Conklin, one of Kingsville's leading citizens, and the Conklin family, one of Kingsville's leading families since the 1800s.

William Conklin's father, David, has been called "Kingsville's Grand Old Man". David Conklin acquired an early knowledge of timbering, operated a grist mill and became involved in Kingsville's first gas well among other enterprises, before returning to lumbering by purchasing a sawmill on Division St. N.

William T. Conklin began his career in the lumber business in 1895, at the age of 19, joining his father in the sawmill and planing mill business. In addition to achieving success with the planing mill business, he was also very successful as a real estate developer and investor, developing Essex County lakefront property, a subdivision on the east side of Kingsville and various Windsor apartment buildings and homes.

Conklin was very civic-minded, serving on the Kingsville High School Board for a number of years, as well as the Kingsville Board of Trade. He was an honorary life member of Independent Order of Odd Fellows, St. George's Lodge Number 41 on the Registry of Grand Lodge of A.F. and A.M. (Masons). He was also a member of Epworth United Church and chairman of the building committee when the church was rebuilt after a 1935 fire, donating a new organ to the church. He was a great supporter of any community effort and organized a number of baseball teams.

Description of Heritage Attributes:

Key attributes that embody the heritage value of the William T. Conklin House include many examples of fine craftsmanship and materials:

- Rectangular-shaped 2-storey plan and four-window façade with the front entrance placed to the right of centre
- Porte-cochère (car shelter) which includes Roman arches
- Balanced, low-pitched, hipped roof with green glazed clay barrel tiles made by Ludowici Co. of Ohio
- Raised grey/pink cut fieldstone foundation typical of the Kingsville area
- Multi-pane (eight over one) double-hung windows; top windows have beveled glass; wooden shutters
- Paneled front door flanked with sidelites capped by an elaborate decorative entablature supported by pilasters; fan-shaped wooden detail above the door
- Leaded glass sidelites adjacent to exterior front door and to interior front door
- Widely overhanging eaves with large, ornate, paired cornice brackets
- Cornice emphasized by dentils
- Blind arches over first-floor windows, with bricks laid in a header pattern
- Large, decorative concrete medallions on façade
- Wrought iron railings on side porch and second storey porch
- Formal staircase of solid mahogany with unique balusters (pin top *and* bottom while most are pin top with square bottom), right-hand volute (banister curves outward to the right at the bottom of the stairs) goosenecks (curved rises in handrail), round newel posts and bullnose first step
- Back to back fireplaces in the living room and dining room that share the same chimney
- Mahogany fireplace mantel and wainscoting that runs from the floor almost to the ceiling in the dining room; decorative dark, silvery-brown clay inlay that runs through the mantel and along the top of the wainscoting just below the crown molding

- Fireplace mantel in the living room which came from one of the homes of Edsel Ford
- Interior doors in mahogany, with fifteen-lite, beveled, leaded glass (3 pairs of French doors and 7 individual doors on first floor)
- Solid mahogany panel doors (3 beveled panels with large vertical centre panel and smaller horizontal panels top and bottom)
- Solid mahogany baseboards and trim on windows and doors
- Ridged sterling silver doorknobs
- Intricate plaster work including ceiling medallions, ceiling corner ornamentation, bas-relief friezes and textured plaster
- Built-in linen cupboard in second floor hallway
- Handel & Company of New York (#6996) hanging globe lamp with reverse-painted blue parrot and grape vine
- Dining room pendant light fixture with lead ribbing and eight-sided pebble finish glass shade with reverse-painted grapevine motif
- Numerous chandeliers, pendant lights, flush ceiling mounted fixtures, and other light fixtures throughout the house, including various types of sconces plus two mantel lamps (table lamps) that match the living room sconces and two that match the dining room sconces
- Stained oak floors throughout
- Pewabic Pottery (Detroit, MI) tile floors in front and side door vestibules, side porch and first floor sunroom
- Steam radiators.

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 17th day of September, 2013.

Ruth Orton-Pert, Clerk
 The Corporation of the Town of Kingsville
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