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# THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF KINGSVILLE

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**BY REGISTERED MAIL**

ONTARIO HERITAGE TRUST

July 17, 2012

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

Attention: Mr. Jim Leonard, Registrar

Dear Mr. Leonard:

**RE: Notice of Intention to Designate 1633 Elgin, Ruthven, 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*.

Yours truly,

*Sandra Kitchen*

Sandra Kitchen  
Deputy Clerk – Council Services  
Corporate Services Department  
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Enclosure (1)

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# 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 PLAN 182 PT LOT 2 ED  
PART LOT 10, 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 2, Part Lot 10, ED, Plan 182, Town of Kingsville, in the County of Essex, municipally known as 1633 Elgin Street, Ruthven, Ontario.

**Description of Property:** The Solomon Fox House

Constructed in 1899, The Solomon Fox House is a 2 ½ storey brick house in the Queen Anne academic style located in Ruthven, now part of the Town of Kingsville

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

The building's cultural heritage value lies in its association with Solomon Fox (1850-1925) who was born in Gosfield South. He was a successful farmer in the region from 1871 until 1891 when he was forced to retire due to a stroke which left him partly paralyzed. Solomon Fox became a highly respected citizen of Ruthven and was an active member of the Methodist Church and a veteran of the Beaver Lodge, I.O.O.F... This house was built to be his retirement home and he lived there until his death in February 1925.

The cultural heritage value of the Solomon Fox House also lies in its being an example of the Queen Anne academic style of private dwelling in Ruthven. The building is constructed of red brick and has a cut fieldstone foundation. It features a gable hip roof, spindle columns on the porches and segmental arches over the windows. There are entry and side porches featuring spindle work in the frieze. There is wide trim under the cornice. The house is one of the oldest homes in Ruthven. In February 1899 a fire destroyed several buildings in the region; this house was started in April 1899, 2 months after the fire, and was completed in December 1899.

**Description of Heritage Attributes:**

Key attributes that embody the heritage value of the Solomon Fox House include several examples of fine craftsmanship: wooden staircase and bannister with spindles going from the main floor to the second floor; decorative wood trim around windows and doors; 7-inch high baseboards and hardwood flooring on second floor; original inner wooden front and side doors; vintage working doorbell; two transom stained glass panels over large front window on first and second floors; original porches with their spindle columns and works in the friezes, distinctive dentil trim; and ornate metal wall and floor heating vents.

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 12<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2012.

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