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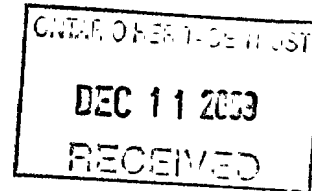
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Ontario Heritage Trust
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Dear Sir / Madam;

RE: Notice of Intention to Designate
69 Arthur Street South, Elmira and 1924 Sawmill Road, Conestogo

Please find attached a Notice of Intention to Designate for the above-noted properties located in the Township of Woolwich

Further information respecting the proposed designation is available from the Clerk of the Township of Woolwich.

Any person may send by registered mail or deliver to the Clerk of the Township of Woolwich notice of their objection to the proposed designation together with a statement of the reasons for the objection and all relevant facts. If such a Notice of Objection is received, the Council of the Township of Woolwich will refer the matter to the Conservation Review Board for a hearing.

Should you have any questions in this regard, please contact our office.

Sincerely,

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Engineering and Planning Services

Enclosure



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NOTICE OF INTENTION TO DESIGNATE 69 Arthur Street South, Elmira Former Township of Woolwich Hall/Offices

TAKE NOTICE that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Woolwich intends to designate the property being the former Township Hall at 69 Arthur Street South in Elmira, Lot 33 and Part Lot 32 Plan 560, Township of Woolwich, Region of Waterloo, as a property of cultural heritage value or interest under Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act (R.S.O. 1990, Ch. O. 18). A By-law to designate the property will be presented to Woolwich Township Council, for formal approval, at its regular Council meeting to be held on Tuesday, January 19, 2010.

Description of Property

The Township of Woolwich Township Hall, completed in 1912, is prominently located on the main street of Elmira at the southwest corner of Arthur Street South and Wyatt Street East. It has served as a Township hall and municipal building for the Township of Woolwich from 1966 to 2008, prior to which it housed the Post Office and for a short time the Police Station. The exterior of this two-storey structure is mainly comprised of brick and stone with its striking clock tower as a strong presence on the streetscape of this rural settlement.

Statement of Cultural Heritage Value or Interest

The former Township Hall was built with a vernacular combination of features from several design styles specifically of the Classical and Italianate styles. It is a replica of similar public buildings, mainly post offices, located in small Ontario Towns. This could be considered its own style known as "Ontario Post Office Style". The building contains a large clock tower at the corner (being approximately 108 feet from the sidewalk to the top of the tower), which still functions with its original mechanism built in 1914. Although altered with additions, the areas of the original building along Arthur Street and Wyatt Street retain much of the original aspects.

The Township Hall is also significant in its context as it sits on the main street in Elmira. The height of the clock tower creates a recognizable and distinguishable landmark from the surrounding streetscape. The clock continues to serve the community and maintain the character of the town.

In terms of historical and associative value the building having been in public use since its construction as a post office, police station, and a town hall has played an important part to the community as a whole.

Description of Heritage Attributes

Designation would be for the exterior of the original building along Wyatt and Arthur Streets and include the interior with respect to the clock tower portion (above the second floor). Key elements that define the buildings blend of Classical and Italianate design attributes that contribute to it heritage importance includes:

- Red brick cladding trimmed with an adequate quantity of stone;
- Square cut stone over doorways, found in segments with heavy lintels;
- Rustic window sills;
- Windows with both flat tops and round tops, showing a mixture of Classical and Italianate styles;
- Key stones over every window and doorway;
- Bell cast shaped hipped roof and clock tower, which served as more decoration than function;
- Triangular shaped gables that break the eave lines in the roof;
- Offset square clock tower, with clock mechanism that was manufactured in Whitchurch, England in 1914 and still in operation;
- Views to and into the bridge from the north and south banks of the Grand River.

Further information respecting the proposed designation is available from the Clerk of the Township of Woolwich.

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THE LAST DAY FOR FILING OBJECTIONS IS Monday January 11, 2010.

Dated at the Township of Woolwich this 12th day of December, 2009.

Christine Broughton,
Clerk, Township of Woolwich