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September 16, 1997

Dear Sirs:

Re: Proposed Designation Under
Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act
The Welland - Crowland War Memorial
Chippawa Park, Welland

In accordance with the requirements of Section 29(3) of the Ontario Heritage Act, enclosed herewith please find Notice of Intention to Designate the above-referenced structure under Part IV of the legislation.

For your reference, I have attached a copy of the Council resolution and the background report prepared for the Welland Local Architectural Conservation Advisory Committee and City Council.

Yours very truly,

DONNA VETTORI
Assistant Clerk

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Enclosure

c.c. -- Mr. J. Moscan, L.A.C.A.C. Chairman
Mrs. R. Mantesso, L.A.C.A.C. Co-ordinator

The Ontario Heritage Foundation
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In the matter of the Ontario Heritage Act,
R.S.O. 1990, Chapter O.18

And in the matter of the structure
and property known municipally as
"The Welland-Crowland War Memorial"

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO DESIGNATE

TAKE NOTICE THAT the Council of the Corporation of the City of Welland intends to designate the property known as "The Welland-Crowland War Memorial" and located municipally at Chippawa Park as a property of historical interest under Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act, R.S.O. 1990, Chapter O.18.

REASONS FOR THE PROPOSED DESIGNATION:

The Welland-Crowland War Memorial is the last large World War I memorial to be erected in Canada. It was built with over \$36,000.00 in subscriptions collected from the people of Welland and Crowland at the height of the Depression. A nationally significant piece of Canadian sculpture, the war memorial was created by artist Elizabeth Wyn Wood, winner of a Canada wide competition for the project. Judges for the competition were distinguished Canadian artists and architects Sir E. Wylie Grier, Charles W. Jeffreys, Gordon M. West and John MacIntosh Lyle along with local author and historian Louis Blake Duff and County Court Judge the Hon. L.B.C. Livingstone. Born in Orillia, Elizabeth Wyn Wood studied under Group of Seven artists J.E.H. MacDonald and Arthur Lismer at the Ontario College of Art and her work expresses similar themes. She also studied stone carving at the Art Students League in New York. Wyn Wood made a significant contribution to Canada's cultural life through her modernist interpretation of the Canadian landscape in sculpture and her works are contained in many public collections, including the National Gallery of Canada.

The monument was executed in LaCass Granite from Quebec, and was cut to size by the Thomson Monument Company of Toronto from a full sized clay model done by Wyn Wood. Louis Temporel did the fine surface carving the piece. Welland's World War I memorial is unique in that it departs from the design of a single soldier so common on other monuments of that vintage to incorporate stylized elements of the Canadian landscape - red pine and wheat sheaves - along with the representation of a W.W. I trench mortar and two heroic figures - a soldier and a woman - intended to symbolize the "Service and Sacrifice" not only of those who fought but of those who supported the war effort at home. It was unveiled one day after the start of the Second World War on September 4, 1939 by Lieut. Colonel Archdeacon F.G. Scott, D.S.O., Senior Chaplain of the First Canadian Division during World War I and a noted Canadian poet.

Initially the names of those from Welland and Crowland who died in World War I were inscribed. Subsequently the names of the fallen from World War II and the Korean War were added.

Notice of objection to the proposed designation may be filed with the Clerk of the Corporation of the City of Welland no later than the 20th day of October, 1997.

Dated at the City of Welland this 20th day of September, 1997.

CRAIG A. STIRTZINGER,
City Clerk
City Hall, 411 East Main Street,
Welland, Ontario L3B 3X4

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