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RE: DESIGNATION OF 2950 GLANWORTH DRIVE – THE GLANWORTH BRANCH OF THE LONDON PUBLIC LIBRARY
THE ONTARIO HERITAGE ACT, R.S.O. 1990, c. O.18

Enclosed for your information is notice of the Council of The Corporation of the City of London's intention to designate the property identified above pursuant to Section 29(3) of the *Ontario Heritage Act*, R.S.O. 1990, c. O.18.

Catharine Saunders
City Clerk

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cc: Don Menard, Heritage Planner
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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Council of The Corporation of the City of London intends to designate as a place of architectural, historic and/or contextual value or interest the following property in accordance with the *Ontario Heritage Act*, R.S.O. 1990:

| <u>Property Descriptions</u> | <u>Publication Date</u> | <u>Last Date For Objection</u> |
|------------------------------|-------------------------|--------------------------------|
| 2950 Glanworth Drive | January 31, 2013 | March 2, 2013 |

The Glanworth Branch of the London Public Library is a small, one story, wood frame structure of cultural heritage interest and valued mainly for its historical association with the village of Glanworth. All of its heritage attributes are expressions of the Ontario Cottage vernacular. The detailed reasons for designation of this property can be seen in or obtained from the Office of the City Clerk, Room 308, City Hall, 300 Dufferin Avenue, London, Ontario N6A 4L9 during normal office hours (8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday to Friday). Any person who objects to any intended designation must, **within thirty days** after the date of the first publication, serve on the City Clerk a notice of objection in writing, setting out the reason for the objection and all relevant facts. The *Ontario Heritage Act* provides that where a notice of objection has been served, the Council shall refer the matter to the Conservation Review Board for a hearing.

DATED at London, Ontario on January 31, 2013.

Catharine Saunders
City Clerk

Statement of Significance for Glanworth Branch, London Public Library – 2950 Glanworth Drive

Description of Property

The Glanworth Branch of the London Public Library is a small, one story, wood frame structure located at 2950 Glanworth Drive, Concession 7, Pt. Lot 15, in the village of Glanworth annexed by the City of London in 1993.

Statement of Cultural Heritage Interest

The Glanworth Branch, London Public Library, is a property of cultural heritage interest and value mainly for its historical association with the village of Glanworth.

Originally called Sweeney's Corners, the settlement was renamed Glanworth in 1857 after Glanworth in County Cork, Ireland. Many of the residents in Glanworth, keen on having a library in their village, signed a declaration, filed at the Registry Office in London on July 28, 1912, for the purpose of founding a Public Library Association. Previous to this date, Tremaine's General Store had provided space for a library.

By 1920 a group of Glanworth citizens had purchased the lot on which the current library stands and set up a building fund. With the monies collected, the library building was constructed in 1923 for a sum of \$975.00. The contractor was Alec Simpson, a local barn builder. The first board meeting was held in the new premises on January 8, 1924. Initially, the library offered a fee-based lending service until becoming a free public library in 1946. With the formation of the Middlesex County Library system in 1963, Glanworth became one of 16 branch libraries. Then, with the annexation of Westminster Township, including Glanworth, in 1963, the Glanworth library became part of the larger London Public Library system as its smallest branch in terms of size and numbers of patrons. Significantly, library services have been offered without interruption from this same site since 1924. At 340 sq. ft., the building is one of the smallest, continually operating, rural libraries in Ontario, if not in all of Canada, still in use. The library's size is demonstrated by the larger scale of the surrounding, mostly residential, structures in the village. Glanworth residents regard it as the last remaining space where villagers can gather.

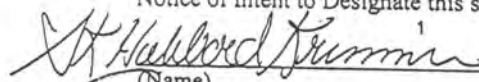
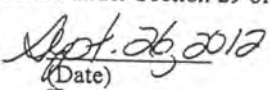
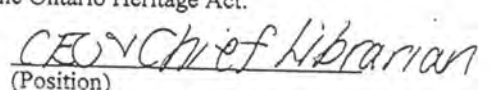
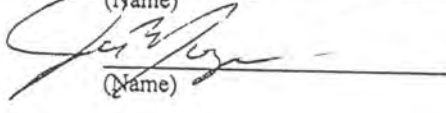
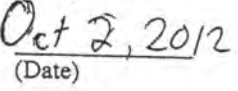
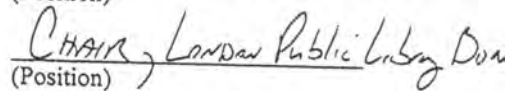
Description of Heritage Attributes

All of the heritage attributes of the Glanworth Branch, London Public Library, are expressions of the Ontario Cottage vernacular. Those worthy of retention are:

- Shallow hipped roof
- Front gable above an oversize porch with rectangular corner boards on posts topped by a flat wooden cap
- Horizontally laid wood tongue-and-groove siding with corner boards
- Double hung windows with vertical mullions in the upper part on the front and both side elevations

Owner Consent to Designation

As Stewards (London Public Library / City of London) of the Glanworth Branch Library Building, we agree with the proposed Statement of Significance and the request to have Municipal Council issue a Notice of Intent to Designate this structure under Section 29 of the Ontario Heritage Act.

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