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City of Belleville Hastings

OFFICE OF CITY CLERK

169 FRONT STREET BELLEVILLE, ONTARIO K8N 2Y8

February 15, 1989

Mr. John White, Chairman
THE ONTARIO HERITAGE FOUNDATION
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ONTARIO MERITAGE

Dear Mr. White

RE: Municipal No. 197 Charles Street, Belleville, Ontario

Please be advised that the Council of the City of Belleville has, by resolution, authorized the giving of "Notice of Intent" to pass a by-law designating the property at 197 Charles Street as a property of historical and architectural value or interest, pursuant to the Ontario Heritage Act.

Attached hereto is a copy of the Notice which will appear in the press, together with a copy of the letter of notification forwarded to the owners of the property as required by the Ontario Heritage Act. The Local Architectural Conservation Advisory Committee recommends that the building on the above property be designated pursuant to the Ontario Heritage Act.

This information is being forwarded to you in accordance with the requirements of the Act.

A Notice of Objection to the designation of the above property setting out the reason(s) for the objection and all relevant facts, may be served on the undersigned within thirty days after the date of first publication of Notice of Intention in the newspaper. The last day for filing of objections is the 16th day of March, 1989.

Yours truly

William C. Moreton, A.M.C.T.

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THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF BELLEVILLE

NOTICE OF INTENT TO DESIGNATE A CERTAIN PROPERTY WITHIN THE CITY OF BELLEVILLE TO BE OF HISTORIC OR ARCHITECTURAL VALUE OR INTEREST, PURSUANT TO THE ONTARIO HERITAGE ACT.

The Council of the Corporation of the City of Belleville hereby gives Notice of Intent to designate the building on the property described below to be of historic or architectural value or interest in accordance with the Ontario Heritage Act, Chapter 337, R.S.O. 1980.

197 Charles Street, City of Belleville; Plan No. 85, Part of Lot 41

REASONS FOR THE PROPOSED DESIGNATION

John Lewis, hardware merchant, built this home between 1872 and 1873. He had a hardware store on the east side of Front Street which opened in 1849. Mr. Lewis expanded his business to include a Spring Factory in 1868. He also had a steam saw mill on the Front of Sidney.

This red brick home is a combination of Victorian - Queen Anne and Second Empire style. It has a cross-gabled roof (mansard and pitched) and a tower nestled in the L.

The original facade has a closed-in porch with ornate brackets and wood trim on the pediment. On the north side of the closed-in porch was an open porch with square, paired columns, elaborate cornice and decorative balustrade. There were two tall chimneys on the south side which gave balance to the design of the home. The facade has been modified over the years and now features an open central porch with similar square columns supporting a more tailored pediment. The chimneys have been reduced to half their original size. The original slate roof is still intact.

There is a brick string course between stories and the house is trimmed with a decorative wooden cornice which matches the cornice on the bay windows. The second storey round-headed windows are topped with prominent keystones similar to those in the tower. The tower also has a decorative wrought iron balustrade.

There was a two storey brick carriage house facing Bridge Street which has since become a store.

This beautiful home is situated among others of the same era and it contributes to the history and dignity of the neighbourhood.

A NOTICE OF OBJECTION TO THE DESIGNATION OF THE ABOVE PROPERTY SETTING OUT THE REASONS(S) FOR THE OBJECTION AND ALL RELEVANT FACTS, MAY BE SERVED ON THE UNDERSIGNED WITHIN THIRTY DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF FIRST PUBLICATION OF NOTICE OF INTENTION IN THE NEWSPAPER. THE LAST DAY FOR FILING OF OBJECTIONS IS THE 16TH DAY OF MARCH, 1989.

William C. Moreton, A.M.C.T. CITY CLERK

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