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**RE: DESIGNATION OF 93-95 DUFFERIN AVENUE
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(1) of the *Ontario Heritage Act*, R.S.O. 1990, c. O.18. 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. Publication Date: October 5, 2017. Last Date for Objection: November 6, 2017.

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Statement of Cultural Heritage Value or Interest

Legal Description of Property

93-95 Dufferin Avenue: PLAN 61 PT LOT 3 PT LOT 4 RP 33R3977 PART 1 & RP 33R7012 PT PART 1 69.91X129.33X189.31XIRR 11217.00SF 69.91FR

Roll Number

93-95 Dufferin Avenue: 010030049000000

Description of Property

93-95 Dufferin Avenue is located on the south side of Dufferin Avenue (formerly Maple Street/Hitchcock Street) between Talbot Street and Ridout Street in London, Ontario. The double house located on the property was primarily constructed in two phases, but maintains cohesion across its two parts. The first, 93 Dufferin Avenue, was constructed circa 1864, as the home of Samuel Peters. 95 Dufferin Avenue was added in 1894.

Statement of Cultural Heritage Value or Interest

93-95 Dufferin Avenue is of cultural heritage value or interest because of its physical or design values, historical or associative values, and its contextual values.

Physical/Design Values

The physical or design value of 93-95 Dufferin Avenue is derived from the particular stylistic evolution seen across its façade.

Believed to have been designed by Samuel Peters of S. Peters and Sons in circa 1864, 93 Dufferin Avenue demonstrates the Italianate style in its shallow hipped roof, paired eave brackets, and balanced horizontal proportions, as well as robust lugsills and lintels with a gentle peak. Brickwork detailing, including quoining, the plain frieze, and stringcourse, complement the appearance. The wide, single leaf entry door in the east bay of the lower storey features a rounded arch fan light articulated by wooden fluted pilasters and trim detail. A flat roof porch supported by square columns on plinths covers the doorway. A double-storey bay window is located between 93 and 95 Dufferin Avenue, acting as a bridge between the two units.

Added in 1894, 95 Dufferin Avenue replicates many of the architectural details of 93 Dufferin Avenue however it takes a stronger Classical Revival influence, particularly in its temple front form. Additional Classical Revival elements include the oval window with a robust architrave, keystone and blocks located above the entry doorway, as well as the round window set in the pediment that is surrounded by a laurel wreath. Brickwork detailing, window sills and lintels with a gentle peak, as well as paired brackets are maintained from 93 Dufferin Avenue.

Historical/Associative Values

93-95 Dufferin Avenue has several significant historical associations. Firstly, it is believed to have been designed by London architect/surveyor/engineer Samuel Peters (1822-1882). Samuel Peters was a Surveyor, Architect, and Engineer. He was appointed as Town Engineer in 1852, and became the first City Engineer in 1855. Samuel Peter is responsible for surveying the first City of London map in 1855. He is a noted architect in London having designed several prominent buildings, including Grosvenor Lodge (1853), first Covent Garden Market building (1853-1854, now demolished), and the Edge Block (1875, southeast corner of Richmond Street and Dundas Street). He oversaw the construction of the city sewer system, surveyed and designed the Mount Pleasant Cemetery, and other undertakings in the rapidly growing City of London. Samuel Peters and his family lived at 93 Dufferin Avenue from its construction in 1868 until immediately prior to his death in 1882. Samuel Peters decision to settle in Talbot North reflects the status he had achieved in London.

Secondly, Colonel John Walker (1832-1889) lived at 93 Dufferin Avenue, then known as "Shirra." Colonel Walker was a Scottish-born industrialist and London's Liberal Member of Parliament in the Canadian House of Commons in 1874. He was also a Vice-President of Canadian Pacific Railway, a director of the Mutual Oil Refining Company, and the

Middlesex County Registrar. Mrs Laura (Hespler) Walker, his wife, was the wealthy heiress of Jacob Hespler of Waterloo County. Mrs Laura Walker purchased 93 Dufferin Avenue in 1881 and sold it in 1891.

Contextual Values

The historical and contextual values of 93-95 Dufferin Avenue are rooted in its location in London and the Londoners who chose to live there. 93-95 Dufferin Avenue contributes to the history of the Talbot North area. Residential and industrial uses were mixed throughout the area north of the City of London proper until the mid-1860s when the area began to transition to a primarily residential area. It quickly became London's first suburb. Many of the buildings that date from this period of early suburban development are constructed of the characteristic London buff brick, including 93-95 Dufferin Avenue. The form and style of 93-95 Dufferin Avenue reflect the social status afforded to individuals who chose to settle in this area in the later-half of the nineteenth century.

Heritage Attributes

Heritage attributes which support and contribute to the cultural heritage value or interest of 93-95 Dufferin Avenue include:

- Form and scale of a significant portion of the double house, including the northerly and westerly facades;
- Buff brick;
- Demonstration of the Italianate style in 93 Dufferin Avenue: shallow hipped roof; paired wooden eave brackets; balanced proportions of street-face façade in three bays in the upper and lower storey; window and door openings, including robust lugsills and lintels with a gentle peak; wide, six panel single leaf door with rounded arch fan light transom above, and framed with wooden fluted pilasters and trim; a flat-roofed front porch supported by a cornice containing an entablature with modillions and plain frieze, itself supported on square columns set on masonry plinths; brickwork detailing on street-facing and westerly facades including quoining, a plain frieze, and stringcourse; window openings with robust lugsills and capped with vertical-laid brick flat-arches on original building westerly façade;
- Double storey bay window, acting as a bridge between 93 and 95 Dufferin Avenue;
- Demonstration of the Classical Revival style in 95 Dufferin Avenue: temple front façade and peaked roof form; round window with laurel wreath surround, set in gable pediment with scalloped siding and wood dentilled trim; oval window with keystone frame; paired wooden eave brackets; brickwork detailing, including quoining, a plain frieze, and stringcourse; window sills and lintels with a gentle peak; blocks above entry doorway; and
- Historical associations with Samuel Peters, Colonel John Walker and Mrs. Laura (Hespler) Walker.