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ONTARIO HERITAGE TRUST

October 19, 2017

City of London C/O Bill Warner & Martin Hayward PO Box 5035 STN CTR CSC London, ON N6A 4L9

Ontario Heritage Trust 10 Adelaide Street East Toronto ON M5C 1J3

RE: DESIGNATION OF 391 SOUTH STREET

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 19, 2017. Last Date for Objection: November 20, 2017.

Catharine Saunders City Clerk

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cc: Kyle Gonyou, Heritage Planner

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Statement of Cultural Heritage Value or Interest – 391 South Street

Legal Description of Property

391 South Street: PLAN 189 LÔTS 2-8 PT LOT 1 PLAN NIL LOTS 7-10 S/S SOUTH AND LOTS 7-10 N/S NELSON REG

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Description of Property

The Colborne Building is a three-storey, buff brick institutional building located at the southwest corner of Colborne Street and South Street in the City of London.

Statement of Cultural Heritage Value or Interest

Built in 1899 as part of Victoria Hospital, the Colborne Building's 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 Colborne Building represents a skillful integration of several additions over time while retaining its original stylistic relationship to the 1899 Administration building (now demolished) in the Palladian/Italianate style. The Colborne Building is also representative of the "pavilion" style of hospital design typical of the era. The massing and form of the Colborne Building visibly demonstrates its original and intended uses, with the three storey northern section designed as the Paying Patients' Pavilion, with the southern section serving as London's first dedicated children's hospital. The decagonal south end served as the children's sun room. Architect Hubert Carroll McBride, who designed both the original 1899 Colborne Building and its northern 1912 addition, skillfully blended these two functions from an aesthetic perspective. A second addition to the north end was added after 1924, which incorporated many of the original design details.

Historical/Associative Values

The Colborne Building demonstrates significant historical associations in London. It exemplifies the nature of health care and treatment of illness in the late nineteenth century, particularly with respect to it distinction between paying patient care and public children's care.

Contextual Values

A landmark building on its corner location at South Street and Colborne Street, the Colborne Building remains as the only physical remnant of an earlier period of the Old Victoria Hospital, reflecting the pavilion style which once dominated the hospital site. The Colborne Building contextually linked to the War Memorial Children's Hospital, located adjacent to the north, through their similar function for providing children's health care.

Heritage Attributes

Heritage attributes which support and contribute to the cultural heritage value or interest of the Colborne Building include:

- Form, scale, and massing of the Palladian style three-storey building, which tapers to a single-storey at the rear;
- Local buff brick, including detailing such as the quoins at the north end;
- Stringcourse;
- Distinctive reddish-brown sandstone windowsills and trim;
- Hipped roof;
- Classical modillions, dentils, egg and dart detailing at the cornice and eaves;
- Palladian style characterized by the pronounced rock-faced foundation, laid with two narrow courses between three heavier courses, and smaller attic structure;
- Distinctive massing illustrating the two main functions of the Colborne Building: the paying patients pavilion and the children's hospital;
- Decagonal sun room at the south end;
- Setback from South Street and Colborne Street; and,
- Contextual relationship across the street from the War Memorial Children's Hospital, with similar historic functions.