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## CITY OF PORT COLBORNE

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### PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

#### Planning Division

ONTARIO HERITAGE TRUST

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April 16, 2012

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

**Re: Notice of Intention to Designate a Property under Section 29 of the *Ontario Heritage Act*  
Former Louis J. Shickluna Garage, 293 King Street, Port Colborne**

Dear Sir or Madam:

Please find enclosed a "Notice of Intention to Designate" for the former Louis J. Shickluna Garage, located at 293 King Street in Port Colborne. The notice will be published in a local newspaper (*InPort News*) on April 20, 2012.

#### **Description of Property – Former Louis J. Shickluna Garage, 293 King Street**

The former Louis J. Shickluna Garage is a one storey commercial building, located on the east side of King Street in the City of Port Colborne.

#### **Statement of Cultural Heritage Value or Interest**

The former Louis J. Shickluna Garage's cultural heritage value lies in it being a rare, unique example of a quasi-Mediterranean/Southwest style (possibly an interpretation of California Mission). The structure features a massive canopy jutting out from the King Street facade of the garage supported in the front by large columns which flare out from the bottom quarter of their height. A distinctive parapet wall with a decidedly southern flavour is built above the canopy perimeter and the main facades of the garage. Red metal tiles, imitating clay barrel roof tiles cover the decorative roof surrounding the parapet wall. Under this decorative roof the soffit is made of wood tongue and groove boards. Two small low walls are built between the two columns with curved tops that vary in height, but that are always less than two feet in height with a gap of about five feet in between. The walls and columns are whitewashed smooth stucco on structural tile masonry units. There are original leaded glass windows above the large plate glass windows on the west and north elevations and the original ceiling inside the building is largely intact.

The former Louis J. Shickluna Garage's cultural heritage value also lies in its association with the Shickluna family, shipbuilders by trade, who settled in Canada from Malta in 1830. Louis Shickluna, uncle of Louis J. Shickluna, established the Port Colborne shipyard, known as Shickluna Brothers, in the 1860's. In 1925, the Federal Government expropriated all of East Street (the location of Shickluna Brothers) for canal widening and Louis J. Shickluna constructed a new garage and auto showroom at 293 King Street. It was the first building in Port Colborne designed specifically to cater to the growing automobile trade. In 1939, Louis J. Shickluna sold

the garage to the Imperial Oil Company. In 1940 it was operated by Reginald J. Doan as Doan's Service Station and remained in service until 1993.

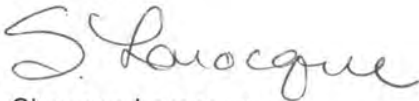
### **Description of Heritage Attributes**

Key attributes that embody the heritage value of the former Louis J. Shickluna Garage as one of the best examples of quasi-Mediterranean/Southwest style include:

- canopy supported by large columns which flare out from the bottom quarter of their height.
- parapet wall above the canopy perimeter and main facades of the garage
- red metal tiles covering the decorative roof surrounding the parapet wall
- decorative tongue and groove roof soffit located under the decorative roof
- two small low walls between the two columns with curved tops
- smooth stucco on structural tile masonry units
- leaded glass windows on the west and north elevations
- original ceiling inside the building.

**PLEASE TAKE NOTICE** any person may, within thirty (30) days after the date of publication of this notice, send by registered mail or deliver to the Clerk of the City of Port Colborne notice of his or her objection to the proposed designation together with a statement setting out the reasons for the objection and all relevant facts. If such Notice of Objection is received, the Council of the Corporation of the City of Port Colborne shall refer the matter to the Conservation Review Board for a hearing.

Sincerely,



Shannon Larocque  
Planner

cc: Ashley Grigg, City Clerk



## NOTICE OF INTENTION TO DESIGNATE

293 King Street  
Louis J. Shickluna Garage  
City of Port Colborne, Regional Municipality of Niagara

**TAKE NOTICE** that the Council of the City of Port Colborne intends to designate 293 King Street as a property of cultural heritage value under Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act, R.S.O. 1990, Chapter O.18.

### REASONS FOR THE PROPOSED DESIGNATION

This property meets several criteria required for designation under Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act. The site is culturally significant because of its design and physical value as well as historical and associative value.

The Shickluna Garage was constructed in 1925 and was the first building in Port Colborne designed specifically to cater to the growing automobile trade.

The property has design or physical value because it is a rare, unique, representative and early example of a style of construction method, and it displays a high degree of artistic merit.

The structure is built in a quasi-Mediterranean/Southwest style (possibly an interpretation of California Mission). A massive canopy juts out from the King Street facade of the garage supported in the front by large columns which flare out from the bottom quarter of their height. A distinctive parapet wall with a decidedly southern flavour is built above the canopy perimeter and the main facades of the garage. Red metal tiles, imitating clay barrel roof tiles cover the decorative roof surrounding the parapet wall. Under this decorative roof the soffit is made of wood tongue and groove boards. Two small low walls are built between the two columns with curved tops that vary in height, but that are always less than two feet in height with a gap of about five feet in between. The walls and columns are whitewashed smooth stucco on structural tile masonry units. There are original leaded glass windows above the large plate glass windows on the west and north elevations and the original ceiling inside the building is largely intact.

The property has historical value or associative value because it has direct associations with the Shickluna family, shipbuilders by trade, who settled in Canada from Malta in 1830. Louis Shickluna, uncle of Louis J. Shickluna, established the Port Colborne shipyard, known as Shickluna Brothers, in the 1860's. In 1925, the Federal Government expropriated all of East Street (the location of Shickluna Brothers) for canal widening and Louis J. Shickluna constructed a new garage and auto showroom at 293 King Street. In 1939, Louis J. Shickluna sold the garage to the Imperial Oil Company. In 1940 it was operated by Reginald J. Doan as Doan's Service Station and remained in service until 1993.

This property was designated a National Historic Site by the Historic Sites and Monuments Board in 1995.

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Dated the 20<sup>th</sup> of April, 2012.

Ashley Grigg, City Clerk  
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