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Corporation of the Municipality of Thames Centre

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ONTARIO HERITAGE TRUST

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4006 Elgin Road
Mossley, ON N0L 1V0

**RE: NOTICE OF INTENTION TO AMEND DESIGNATING BY-LAW (3-89)
MOSSLEY GENERAL STORE AND POST OFFICE – 4006 ELGIN ROAD**

Dear ██████,

At its meeting held on September 9, 2013, the Council of the Municipality of Thames Centre reviewed the Municipal Heritage Committee's recommendation to amend Schedule 'A' to By-law No. 3-89.

I wish to advise that the Council enacted the following resolution:

"RESOLVED THAT the following actions be taken concerning Report No. MPH-003-13 of the Chair of the Municipal Heritage Committee dated August 12, 2013:

- (a) That Report No. MPH-003-13 concerning the Mossley General Store and Post Office, be received for information;*
- (b) That the Council concur with the recommendation of the Municipal Heritage Committee made at its meeting held on August 15, 2013 to amend By-law No. 3-89, being a by-law to designate the property known municipally as the Mossley General Store and Post Office as being of architectural and/or historical value or interest, by replacing Schedule 'A' with the proposed Schedule 'A' as attached to Report No. MPH-003-13;*
- (c) That Notice of Council's intention to amend By-law No. 3-89 be served on the owner of the property known municipally as the Mossley General Store and Post Office, and on the Ontario Heritage Trust; and*
- (d) That the Clerk be directed to publish Notice of Council's intention to amend By-law No. 3-89 in the local newspaper having general circulation in the Municipality."*

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Pursuant to Section 29(3) of the *Ontario Heritage Act, R.S.O. 1990*, the Council of the Municipality of Thames Centre is required to give notice of its intention to designate property by serving such notice on the owner of the property and on the Ontario Heritage Trust. The Notice shall contain a description of the property, a statement explaining the cultural heritage value or interest of the property, and a description of the heritage attributes of the property.

Find attached the description of the property, a statement explaining the cultural heritage value or interest of the property, and a description of the heritage attributes of the property.

Notice of Council's intent to amend By-law No. 3-89 will be given in the September 18, 2013 edition of the Signpost and St. Mary's Journal Argus. You may submit in writing to the undersigned, a notice of objection to amending By-law No. 3-89, or part of the by-law by **4:30 p.m. on Friday, October 18, 2013.**

Sincerely,



Margaret Lewis, C.M.O.
Clerk/Cemetery Manager

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Attach.

cc. Ontario Heritage Trust

Legal Description

Concession 3, South of the River Thames, North Part of Lot 1, 2 and Plan 134 in the former Township of North Dorchester, County of Middlesex.

Description of Property

The property known locally as the Mossley General Store and Post Office is a two-storey brick building located at 4006 Elgin Road, east side of Elgin Road, in the Village of Mossley.

Statement of Cultural Heritage Value or Interest

The Mossley General Store and Post Office property is of design and physical cultural heritage value as a good and rare example of a pre-Confederation Victorian commercial/residential building once typical in many rural communities. Its vernacular architecture is highlighted by the use of exterior yellow brick locally produced by the onetime W.J. Jervis Tile Yard and the distinctive horizontal brick banding, a trademark of the mason of that time. It was documented in 1978 to be the fourth oldest post office in Canada operating in its original premises.

The Mossley General Store and Post Office property is of historical cultural heritage value due to its original use as a Victorian apartment erected to provide living quarters for the merchant/postmaster and to function as a general store and post office for Mossley and district with a grant from Queen Victoria in 1865 to Canada West.

It is also of contextual cultural heritage value due to its crossroads location serving as a long standing landmark that is visually linked to the historical character of Mossley.

Description of Heritage Attributes

The key attributes of the Mossley General Store and Post Office property that support its cultural heritage value as a good and rare example of a pre-Confederation Victorian commercial/residential building and its historical importance as a general store and post office and link to the historical character of Mossley is reflected by its:

- exterior yellow brick
- distinctive horizontal brick banding on façade and all elevations
- four decorative columns on the front of each of two verandas
- location of exterior doorway of the living quarters with doors with beveled glass insert panels
- front façade location of two large windows with their transoms of leaded stained glass
- location of exterior doorway of store with their original double entry style doors, letter slot and brass hardware
- location of window bays on façade and all elevations
- decorative gable and circular window on front façade (west elevation)
- decorative gable and window on north elevation
- location at the southeast corner of Elgin Road and Mossley Drive