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NOTICE OF INTENTION TO DESIGNATE

1 Main Street East, Grimsby, ON

ONTARIO HERITAGE TRUST

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TAKE NOTICE that Grimsby Town Council, on November 6, 2017 resolved to issue a Notice of Intention to Designate PT LT 323, Corporation Plan 4 as in RO84522; PT 4, 30R-8291 ; GRIMSBY, municipally known as 1 Main Street East under Section 29 of the Ontario Heritage Act, R.S.O. 1990, c. 18, as a property of cultural heritage value or interest.

Description of Property

The subject property is located on the North side of Main Street East, on the corner of Main Street East and Ontario Street, in the Downtown commercial area of Grimsby. The property has the original brick building.

Statement of Cultural Heritage Value or Interest

The Old Bank of Hamilton at 1 Main Street East demonstrates cultural heritage value as it is representative of an early twentieth century downtown commercial building in Ontario. The two story brick building contributes to the downtown Main Street streetscape and the Ontario Street streetscape as the building is located at the corner of the two streets. The building is of red brick construction that has been painted grey. The brickwork is laid in a running stretcher bond. The arched windows have stone sills and brick voussoirs with decorative keystones. The roofline is hipped with dormer windows. The dormers are clad in clapboard siding and have decorative vergeboard and wooden trim that gives the appearance of corbels. A brick chimney runs up the Ontario Street elevation. The building's eaves are supported by decorative wooden brackets.

1 Main Street East has historical value for the connections it yields to the larger community of the Town of Grimsby. The current building served as the first bank in Grimsby, and is a part of the larger Whittaker Block which historical records indicate spans from 1 Main Street East to 11 Main Street East. This block was named after notable Grimsby Resident Samuel Whittaker. As a banking institute in Grimsby, the building represents a centre of community, commerce, and prosperity in the town, and also connected to important figures in the community such as Bank President Donald McInnes, Bank Manager Fred W. Pottenger, and Postmaster John Adolphus Nelles.

The subject site provides insight into the history of banking and the history of the Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce, entrepreneurial history in Ontario, the importance of Grimsby as both the Village and the Town warranting for a few years two banks (The Bank of Hamilton and The Bank of Commerce), the prosperity of the Fruit Industry in the region, and, most importantly, the style and character of the town of Grimsby during the 1920s to the 1950s. The Bank of Hamilton operated out of 1 Main Street East, until it merged with The Bank of Commerce, which continued to operate at an alternate location in the Town, highlighting the importance of both the Bank itself and the needs of the population of the Town of Grimsby.

HERITAGE ATTRIBUTES TO BE DESIGNATED

The following architectural attributes have been determined to contribute to the heritage value of the building and constitute part of the *Statement of Cultural Heritage Value or Interest* for 1 Main Street East:



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- Red brick construction;
- Running stretcher bond brickwork;
- Brick Chimney;
- Decorative eave brackets;
- Dormer windows;
- Ornate Keystones;
- Voussoirs;
- Original window openings on the upper level of the south façade; and
- Original window openings on the west façade

OBJECTIONS

Any objection to this designation must be filed no later than January 11th, 2018. Objections should be directed to Hazel Soady-Easton, Town Clerk, P.O. Box 159, 160 Livingston Avenue, Grimsby ON, L3M 4G3.

MORE INFORMATION

Any inquiries may be directed to:

Michael Seaman, MCIP, RPP, Director of Planning at 905-309-2002 or by email mseaman@grimsby.ca

Last date to file Notice of Objection: January 11, 2018

Hazel Soady-Easton, Town Clerk