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March 8, 2018

Ms. Erin Semande
A/Provincial Heritage Registrar
Ontario Heritage Trust
10 Adelaide Street East
Toronto ON M5C 1J3

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Attention: Erin

RE: The Quaker Meeting House
1141 Maple Street, Pelham
Plan 16 Pt Lot 1
Roll No. 273201001516800

The Town of Pelham is the owner of the Quaker Meeting House and has directed staff to proceed with its designation. Planning staff agree that the building is worthy for designation due to its architectural, historical, and contextual value.

Notice to designate was provided in the February 7th, 2018 edition of the Pelham News. A copy of the notice and tear sheet of the newspaper notice are included for your records. No objections were received within 30 days of publication of the notice.

Planning staff will present a by-law to designate the Quaker Meeting House to Council on March 19th, 2018. Following the meeting, if Council approves the by-law to designate the Quaker Meeting House, Planning staff will send a copy of the notice of decision and by-law to the Registrar.

If you have any questions or concerns please contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "S. Larocque".

Shannon Larocque, MCIP, RPP,
Senior Planner

From the Department of



Notice to Designate

In accordance with Section 29 of the Ontario Heritage Act, R.S.O. 1990, Chapter O. 18, and in the matter of the lands and premises, known as the Quaker Meeting House located at 1141 Maple Street in the Town of Pelham in the province of Ontario.

TAKE NOTICE that the Council of the Town of Pelham intends to designate property situated at 1141 Maple Street (Quaker Meeting House) in the Town of Pelham, in the Province of Ontario, as a property of cultural heritage value or interest under Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act, R.S.O. 1990, Chapter O.18.

Description of Property The property at 1141 Maple Street is located on the east side of Maple Street, north of Canboro Road. Its legal description is Lot 2 N/S East Canboro Street, Plan 703 Pelham; Part Lot 1 N/S East Canboro Street, Plan 703 Pelham being Parts 1, 2, 3 & 4, 59R7128 & as in RO104404, S/T RO209833; Pelham.

Short Statement of the Reason for the Designation

The property at 1141 Maple Street (Quaker Meeting House) is worthy of designation under Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act for its cultural heritage value. The property meets the criteria for designation prescribed by the Province of Ontario under the three categories of design/physical value, historical/associative value and contextual value.

Statement of Design and/or Architectural Value and/or Interest

The Quaker Meeting House is a single-detached, one-and-a-half storey building that sits close to the property line on Maple Street. It holds both institutional and landmark value to the community of Fenwick and Town of Pelham as a whole. It features a front gable roof with a smaller gable projecting from the front with small four-pane windows on either side. It has four eight-pane, double-hung windows on either side

of the main building, and three fenced in basement windows on either side. The building itself is completely white clapboard, and accented with green along the eaves, windows, door and drainpipes. There is an old tin chimney pipe on the roof and a very high old-brick foundation. The building was purpose-built to meet the needs of the Quakers for a place to hold their meetings and as such the building design is simple, without adornment and high windows to minimize distraction from outside. This style is representative of the principles of the Quakerism and the style of early meeting houses. Original features are believed to include the exterior wooden cladding, windows and trim, interior wooden door, window and door trim, wooden plank floors and wainscoting.

Statement of Historical and/or Associative Value and/or Interest

The Society of Friends, also known as the Quakers, settled in Pelham as early as 1783. A log meeting house was erected at what is now the corner of Welland and Effingham, and it was replaced in 1807 with a larger frame building. The teachings of Elias Hicks split the congregation in 1828, with the more conservative members leaving for Pelham Corners and the "Hicksites" remaining. The "White Meeting House" was erected in 1875. Upon reconciliation between the two groups, the Hicksites joined the Quakers on Haist Street and The Women's Institute took possession of the "White Meeting House" or the Quaker Meeting House. The Fenwick branch of the Women's Institute was the first in Pelham. Records speculate that it began in 1910 with Mrs. Emma Fitzgerald (later Mrs. A.C. Hansler) as president, and Mrs. Charles Fegan as secretary. In 1929 they were given permission to move the former Quaker Meeting House from its corner location at Effingham and Welland to its present location on Maple Street. They placed it on a new block foundation, repaired it and proceeded to hold meetings there until 1970.

The Model Railroad Club was formed in 1967 in Niagara Falls, and was subsequently moved to Fenwick in 1972. Their meetings commenced in the Quaker Meeting House building. The Town of Pelham provided the Niagara Model Railway Engineers with their headquarters based on the understanding that the club would keep the building in good condition.

Statement of Contextual Value and/or Interest

The building is located in the heart of Fenwick, just down the road from the iconic Fenwick Flag Pole and from the central commercial area of the village. The building has been a landmark within the community of Fenwick, as the meeting location for early community groups that were instrumental its early settlement and development. In more recent times, the building has served as a location for the community and people from around the Niagara Region to celebrate and learn about model railroading.

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The short statement of reason for the designation including a description of the heritage attributes along with all other components of the detailed Heritage Report constitute the "reason for designation" required under the Ontario Heritage Act. For more information, please contact Ms. Shannon Larocque, Planner, at 905-892-2607, ext. 319, or email at slarocque@pelham.ca.

Important information

Any objections to this proposed designation must set out the reason for the objection and all relevant facts and must be filed with the Town Clerk, Nancy J. Bozato, PO Box 400, 20 Pelham Town Square, Fonthill, Ontario, L0S 1E0 no later than 4:30 p.m. on Monday March 5, 2018 (within 30 days of the publication of this notice). Unless indicated otherwise, personal information and all comments will become part of the public record and may be publicly released.