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CULTURAL PROGRAMS
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November 13, 1996

IN THE MATTER OF THE ONTARIO HERITAGE ACT
SECTION 29, R.S.O. 1990, CHAPTER 0.18

AND IN THE MATTER OF THE LANDS AND PREMISES
AT THE FOLLOWING MUNICIPAL ADDRESS IN THE
CITY OF STRATFORD IN THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO DESIGNATE

To: Ontario Heritage Foundation
10 Adelaide Street, East
Toronto, Ontario
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TAKE NOTICE that the Council of the Corporation of the City of Stratford intends to designate the property at the following municipal address as a property of architectural and historical value or interest under Section 29, of the Ontario Heritage Act, R.S.O. 1990, Chapter 0.18

157 Water Street - Reasons for Designation

This Gothic Revival style house built in 1880 retains important features including bargeboards and finials at gables. The buff brick exterior and stone foundation are in good condition.

This house is a good example of an American influence, which was to simplify the bargeboard and give prominence to the wood detail in the gable.

The double-hung wooden windows have vertical sliders and a prominent bay window. The gazebo style Neo-classical verandah is a unique feature and has an enclosed Stratford porch. All exterior features are well balanced, both sides of the house whether facing Water or Front Street are equally important in their architectural significance, the property location, ideally situated on its lot, establishes the present character of the surrounding neighbourhood.

The interior retains 90% original woodwork and room layout. Special features include staircase, curved walls, cast iron grilles, oak floors and

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art deco bathroom. Of special note is the interesting built-in hall mirror installed approximately 1930 from Brown House on Caledonia Street. It has ornate walnut carvings with large bevelled mirror.

Notice of objection to the proposed designation, together with a statement of the reasons for the objection and all relevant facts, shall be served on the Clerk of the City of Stratford, before the 2nd day of December, 1996.

DATED at the City of Stratford
this 13th day of November, 1996



Ronald R. Shaw
City Clerk-Administrator