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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: Avon Maitland District School Board
62 Chalk Street North
SEAFORTH ON N0K 1W0

AND TO: Ontario Heritage Foundation
10 Adelaide Street East
TORONTO ON M5C 1J3

Ministry of Citizenship, Culture and Recreation
Heritage & Libraries Branch
400 University Avenue, 4th Floor
TORONTO ON M7A 2R9

TAKE NOTICE that 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*:

35 Waterloo Street North, Stratford – Falstaff Public School

The Reasons for Designation are attached.

If any person wishes to object to the proposed designation, a Notice of Objection, together with a statement of the reasons for the objection and all relevant facts, must be served on the Clerk of the City of Stratford NO LATER THAN 4:30 p.m. on December 7, 2000. The *Ontario Heritage Act* provides that where a notice of objection has been served on the Clerk, the Council shall refer the matter to the Conservation Review Board for a hearing.

DATED at the City of Stratford
this 7th day of November, 2000.


Joan L. Thomson – City Clerk

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CITY OF STRATFORD

LOCAL ARCHITECTURAL CONSERVATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

"REASONS FOR DESIGNATION" APPENDIX

PROPERTY ADDRESS: Falstaff School Sheet #1 of 3

This excellent well designed landmark, located on Waterloo Street North, sits atop a small incline overlooking a prime piece of residential Stratford real estate. The Neo-Gothic architecture and the structure's position on the site are important and relevant elements in the surrounding streetscape. The building dominates its large site. The size of the site, the relationship of the building to the site and in turn the site to the surrounding residential area, all come together to form a well integrated situation. The building reinforces the character of the neighbourhood, any significant changes would impact on the entire area.

In 1859 Stratford was divided into five Wards, themed after Shakespearean names. As the population grew, schools were built in each of the wards to service that local area. Of special significance was the development of the public school system. Falstaff, on a province wide basis, is an excellent example of an elementary school building of the time. It reflects the status of the educational system in a small urban community at the pre-Depression period in our history. The ward school developed into the centre for neighbourhoods and helped to define the community they were in. Stratford's growth and identity were and are greatly influenced by these local institutions. They provided the students and vicinity with a sense of "belonging" and "community".

This "rug brick" building was constructed during 1929 and was referred to as the "New Falstaff School, as it was the second Falstaff School on this site. It was one of the last ward schools built to replace its original predecessor. Today three of those ward schools, Shakespeare, Hamlet and Anne Hathaway have all been replaced by newer buildings. Until recently, New Falstaff, was one of only 2 remaining Stratford school buildings still used as a school.

The significant historical reasons for designating this building and site are:-

- The building has defined the growth and development of Stratford as a community.
- The architecture and positioning of the structure and site are important and relevant elements in the surrounding streetscape.
- This building documents the importance of the ward system and its schools in Stratford.
- The structure and site has and still does define the local community it is situated in.
- It is one of only two remaining examples of Ward School structures in Stratford.
- James Simpson Russell, who designed the building, was a prominent Stratford architect. J.S. Russell was from one of Stratford's early families. He was an architect in Stratford for 40 years, and for a short time was in partnership with R.T. Orr. He designed many of Stratford's churches and schools.
- This building is an outstanding example of the history of education in Stratford.
- The building and site are not protected under the Heritage Conservation District.

Reviewed By: Cathleen Boudreau
Stratford Perth Archives Representative

April 11, 2011
Date

CITY OF STRATFORD

LOCAL ARCHITECTURAL CONSERVATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

"REASONS FOR DESIGNATION" APPENDIX

PROPERTY ADDRESS : Falstaff School - Sheet #2 of 2

The significant architectural reasons for designation are:-

- It is the only example in Stratford of the Neo-Gothic (or Modern Gothic) style, used for Ontario Public School designs during the early part of the 20th century. The features indicative of the style are: simple massing and a symmetrical plan which is ordered around a frontispiece. The facade which is detailed with wall buttresses. The large windows which have a greater proportion of window to wall surface.
- This building (Falstaff) has more significant architectural detailing than the other example in Stratford (Avon School).
- Specific architectural elements to be designated on the front elevation are : frontispiece, parapet and corner with Gothic detailing, wall buttress, expansive windows, entrance with Gothic detailing, date stone.
- Specific architectural elements to be designated on the frontispiece are: decorative parapet carving, crenellated parapet, original diamond-shaped glazing pattern in upper portion of window, quoins surrounding the window, carving of Falstaff the fool under the front window, Gothic ornamental stone moulding (hood moulding) used to shed water from the wall surface, Tudor arched entrance with archivolts (continuous moulding surrounding the arch).
- Special elements to be designated on the remainder of the building are: Bay window at the rear of the building. Special elements at the side of the building include: decorative buttress cap to shed water, crenellated parapet, weathering "caps" to shed water from buttress, "setback" buttresses, slate roof covering side entrances, Tudor detailing (half-timbering) exposed purlins on the underside of roof eaves and quoins surrounding the side door.
- The interior of the building has not been drastically altered. One significant element for designation inside are the interior folding doors.
- The building is intact, as built, with no additions and only very minor changes.
- The building is in excellent condition, with outstanding quality in both workmanship, design, functionality and materials.

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Stratford Perth Archives Representative

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Date