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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

DEC 2 - 1999 CONSERVATION REVIEW

TO:



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:*

111-117 Downie Street, Stratford - Reasons for Designation

These two, three storey brick buildings were constructed in 1906 and 1908, and have since housed a variety of primarily commercial retail establishments. Together with the abutting building at 105-109 Downie Street, these structures form a continuous block of early 20th century commercial buildings which remain intact and close to their original state. Over time, this entire block has also been pivotal in helping to establish a commercial district south of Market Square and retains its prominency today.

Similar in style to 105-109 Downie Street. 111-117 Downie exhibits a simplified Edwardian classicism; a type of "stripped classicism" which is common in public and commercial architecture during this period. On the exterior façade this is generally reflected in its modest design, restraint in detailing, and a simplified, but formal, composition. The brick work on the façade produces a smooth surface appearance which is accentuated subtly with pilaster accents. These accents provide visual relief and form a raised pattern which clearly designated the two distinct buildings. Additionally, the brick pilasters create a sense of architectural continuity with neighbouring 105-109 Downie, which has identical pilasters.

The cornice is understated and adorned with modillion blocks and frieze board. The cornice banding and lower level commercial marque banding is continuous with 105-109 Downie. Upper windows are double-hung with stone lintels and divided lights on the upper sashes (12/1). Upper window openings are topped with a "relieving arch" and keystone, both formed from bricks set in a "soldier" and "rowlock" position.

The street-level façade and window displays have undergone some alterations related to changes in tenancy and function, but have maintained their original distinctiveness as two buildings. Modifications primarily include repositioning of entrance doors, the more recent addition of stained glass transoms and related enhancing details surrounding the commercial marque and window/display areas. Although these modifications have occurred, they have been limited to the street level store fronts and have been sympathetic to the overall design. The original scale and rhythm of design, unity and balance of the facades have not been lost.

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 30th, 1999. The *Ontario Heritage Act* provides that where a notice of objection has been served, the Council shall refer the matter to the Conservation Review Board for a hearing.

DATED at the City of Stratford this 30th day of November, 1999.

Joan L. Thomson - City Clerk