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CITY of STRATFORD

Corporate Services

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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

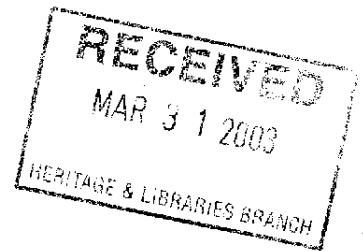
TO:



310 Ontario Street
STRATFORD ON N5A 3H5

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

Ministry of Culture
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*:

310 Ontario Street, Stratford – Reasons for Designation

ARCHITECTURAL DETAILS:

Now a bed and breakfast but historical structure has been maintained; Italianate building; very well preserved or restored elements; 2 storey building; buff coloured brick in very good shape; original dentils and quoins; original cornice with returns; original windows; beautiful brickwork along roof line; centre hall; single storey bay window on southwest side and on east side; well-proportioned; charming relationship between its various elements; verandah on south side very well preserved and maintained; stone foundation; two over two windows; excellent example of the residence of a prosperous merchant in the late nineteenth, early twentieth century era reflecting Canada's post-Confederation prosperity; quality of workmanship and handling of materials in original building as well as the state of repair and restoration excellent; prominent and well situated; integrity of historical relationship between building and its associated landscape inevitably changed due to modern influences and a reduced lot size at rear but original character of building impressively maintained; important to streetscape particularly when it is considered that Ontario Street is the main street of Stratford; undoubtedly a dominant building in its area.

The general exterior components of the building that are recommended for designation are the brickwork, including original dentils and quoins, original windows (including existing bay window

structure) and any existing storms, cornice and returns. More specifically, primary components of the verandah are designated as well, including columns, post and rails.

Interior elements recommended for designation are: entire front staircase including the balustrade, balusters and newel posts; original plaster ceiling medallions: two in living room, one in front entrance hall, one in dining room; crown moulding and plaster ceiling mouldings in living room, plaster ceiling mouldings in front hall, plaster ceiling mouldings in dining room; original baseboards, window and door casements in living room, front hall and dining room.

HISTORY:

310 Ontario Street was erected for George B. Riddle, engine driver, in 1881. Mr. Riddle (Riddell), was the father of William Alexander Riddell (1881-1963), Deputy Minister of Labour for Ontario and Canada's advisor to the League of Nations. Mr. W.A. Riddell lived in the house until he was five years old.

From 1890-1945 it was the home of the Boles family. Mr. William Boles (1857-1923), was a well-respected businessman and sportsman in Stratford for nearly 40 years. He was the proprietor of a prominent merchant tailoring establishment in the city. He was a past master of the Tecumseh Lodge of the Masonic Order and a well-liked member of the Oddfellows. As a sportsman, he was considered one of the best trap shooters in Western Ontario. That such a prominent family lived in such an imposing home for 55 years undoubtedly created an aura of associations in the immediate neighbourhood and in Stratford as a whole. There are grounds, therefore, for considering the building a landmark structure in this section of the city.

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 April 28, 2003. 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 29th day of March, 2003.


Joan L. Thomson – City Clerk