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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:

289 St. David Street STRATFORD ON N5A 1E1

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:*

289 St. David Street, Stratford - Reasons for Designation

Architectural Details

Tudor Revival style; style originated in England out of the late Gothic Revival and the Arts and Crafts movement; popularized through American magazines; style often called Jacobethan; not common in Stratford, particularly in this part of the city; building impressively and prominently situated (particularly when approached from the east), on corner of Shrewsbury St. and St. David St. and is noteworthy element in the streetscape of the area; excellent example of type; well-designed, modest-sized building which shows an excellent use of materials; pleasing proportions, roof line, verandah and other elements and details which create a first class visual impression; red brick on a cement foundation in excellent repair; timber and stucco second storey, complementary verandah with tongue and groove ceiling; six over one windows; addition to the building retains the original character and maintains its relationship with the lot; conspicuous and familiar building in the neighbourhood.

The general exterior components of the building that are designated are the brickwork, original windows and any existing storms, along with the timber and stucco second storey detailing. More specifically, primary components of the verandah are designated as well, including tongue and groove ceiling, columns, post, and rails.

History

289 St. David Street was erected in 1907 by Samuel Dunseith (a clergyman in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvannia who later became a broker in New York City), so that his mother could live there. It was owned by the Dunseith family from 1907-1931. When Sarah J. Dunseith (1834-1927), died in the family home at the age of 93 she was a familiar and honoured citizen of the neighbourhood. She was, in fact, one of the oldest residents. Her husband, John Dunseith, had passed away in 1871 leaving a family of five sons and three daughters. The family separated widely in North America. One son, Samuel, was a broker in New York City. Another son, Reverend D.A. Dunseith, was a clergyman in Clearwater, Florida. However, they made a habit of spending their vacations in Stratford each year in the family home.

The house was also owned by Albert Earl O'Loughlin, who was employed as the business manager and secretary treasurer of the Beacon Herald until his retirement in 1968. He died in 1985 at the age of 91.

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 March 31, 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 28th day of February, 2003.

Joan L. Thomson - City Clerk