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CITY of STRATFORD

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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:

357 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

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BOARD

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*:

357 St. David Street, Stratford – Reasons for Designation

Architectural Details

Queen Anne Box style; 2 ½ storeys; red brick with soldier course over windows; "A" shaped pediment off to one side; fish scale design on shingles in gable; style influenced by Frank Lloyd Wright and his students; possibly done as a copybook house since a builder (William Schenck), was involved rather than an architect; vernacular style; very good example of its type; quality of workmanship and handling of materials very good; building maintained very well; asymmetrical roof line typical of Queen Anne houses; visual quality (proportion, scale, detail), very good in all respects except for rear balcony/ porch which in scale and materials is not in keeping with the rest of the house; stone finish cement block foundation; original front and side doors; excellent windows with original storms; north side verandah has tongue and groove ceiling; all materials in excellent condition.

The general exterior components of the building that are designated are the brickwork, including brick coursing above windows, stone finish work, original windows (including existing bay window structure) and any existing storms, front and side doors with casing, cornice and returns, and the fish-scale shingling found in the gable. More specifically, primary components of the verandah are designated as well, including the tongue and groove ceiling, columns, post and rails.

History

357 St. David Street was erected for the builder, William Schenck, in 1916.

There is a real and long-lasting integrity of historical relationship between this building and its associated landscape. There have been no changes to the site since 1916. Queen Anne Box houses were designed to be workingman's dwellings. On a smaller scale, the working man had a kind of Edwardian like the employer but not competing with him. An architect would design the employer's house but the working man had his constructed by a builder.

Queen Anne Box houses are an important component of Stratford architecture. This style of house represents a natural progression in the chronology of the architecture in the city. This type of building could be said to symbolize a particular period of economic growth in Stratford.

357 St. David Street has an historical association with the railway in Stratford since it was owned for forty years (1927-1967) by Robert S. Rodgers, foreman at the CNR blacksmith shop. He was also Master of Tecumseh Lodge.

The area in which this house is located has been, for a long time, an interesting mix of similar buildings and much larger and grander ones. St. David Street is a prominent neighbourhood of historic houses.

No other house of this style has been designated in Stratford and 357 St. David Street is a particularly good example of a type and period in a location that is important to 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 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