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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:



STRATFORD ON N5A 2Z9

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, 4<sup>th</sup> 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*:

### **6-8 Shakespeare Street, Stratford – Reasons for Designation**

#### *Architectural details:*

*Now an apartment building but the historical structure has been maintained; a Neo-Classical building; pressed red brick; flat roof; original round arch windows with decorative lights in upper part of window and keystones of contrasting grey stone on second storey, south side of building; rectangular windows have decorative sills and lintels of the same contrasting grey stone; original cornice of wood with dentils at west (Downie Street) corner of building; coined brick at northwest and southwest corners; rounded brick at southeast corner; built in a triangular shape to conform to the shape of the lot; has the appearance of a flat-iron building (a triangular building roughly in the shape of an old-fashioned flat iron; the Gooderham building in Toronto is a notable example of the type ), the only one in Stratford.*

#### *History:*

*This is a unique building in Stratford and one of historic and symbolic interest in the city. It would not be overstating the case to say that it has landmark qualities.*

*It is a two-storey pressed brick building which was built in 1905-1906 by John Badour, who ran a boot and shoe business there. The builder's response to the site was a stroke of good fortune for the streetscape as whole because, ultimately, he created a flatiron type of building, the only one in Stratford. In a working-class district of town, he tried to embellish the site and make the building significant rather than strictly utilitarian. It could be argued that in doing so he was attempting to extend the downtown area of the city to his site. The building is built flush to the*

*sidewalk like buildings in the downtown area. It is a striking centre of interest for this part of the city and, indeed, for the city as a whole.*

*John Badour developed a substantial business on the site, eventually employing a "large force of hands". His principal trade was with the workers of The Grand Trunk Railway and the building is still located within a block and a half of the railway station. The railway was an important factor in the development of Stratford and 6 - 8 Shakespeare Street symbolizes the continuity of this historical association.*

*The fact that a retail boot and shoe store was conducted by a popular and well-respected person in the same place for almost half a century could not help but create an aura of associations that allows the building to be considered a landmark structure in this part of Stratford.*

*It should be noted, too, that John Badour's family is part of the history of the area as a whole. His grandfather, Abraham Badour, was a coureurs de bois whose activities were instrumental in leading to the establishment of a French colony in Huron County.*

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 July 8, 2002. 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 8th day of June, 2002.

  
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Joan L. Thomson – City Clerk