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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: [REDACTED]  
225 Cobourg Street  
Stratford, ON N5A 3G2

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

Ministry of Culture  
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*:

**225 Cobourg Street, STRATFORD – REASONS FOR DESIGNATION**

**ARCHITECTURAL DETAILS:**

Gothic Revival Style(Ontario House); a good example of a skilled workman's house of the period; visual quality of the building (proportion, scale, detail), in the context of its architectural style excellent; sensitive and high quality restoration and replacement work done; functional quality of building (effectiveness of materials, layout and method of construction), excellent; state of repair and quality of workmanship and handling of materials excellent; integrity of historical relationship between building and its associated landscape retained; an excellent contribution to the streetscape; reinforces present character of area with which it is associated, conspicuous landmark in neighbourhood.

**Exterior Details Worthy of Designation:**

All original boards and trim; all original windows; all original glass in windows; original front entrance system- all glass including ruby glass in transom, all sidelights and original glass in sidelights; gable, west side.

**Municipal Election 2006**

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### Interior Details Worthy of Designation:

All original pine floors; all original baseboards; all original window casings, doors and trim;  
original pine staircase with banister and spindles;

### HISTORY OF HOUSE

#### Lot History

- House built for Douglas McTavish in 1876-1877.
- Tax Assessment Rolls for Stratford in 1875 call McTavish an insurance agent.
- Stratford City Directories for 1876 call McTavish a school teacher.
- Alexander McTavish, a farmer in Tavistock, is listed as the owner of the house 1878-1886.
- Thomas M. Ruston, a carpenter, is listed as the owner of the house 1887-1901.
- William J. Moffett, a finisher with the McLagan Furniture Company, owns the house 1904-1930.
- William Moffett was born in Ellice Township and farmed there until he married Rachel Doherty. He then moved to Stratford and worked in the furniture business. He was considered a valued resident of the city for the greater part of 30 years. He died in March, 1931.
- The Moffett family continued to own the house until 1941.
- Harry Pratt and his wife Margaret purchased the house in 1942. Mr. Pratt worked as a machinist for the CNR but in 1948 he began to work for Stratford Upholstery. He died in July, 1953.
- The Pratt family continued to own the house until 2005-2006 according to Stratford City Directories. In total, the Pratt family owned the house for 63 years, 1942-2005.

NOTE: This house has an historical connection with the furniture business in Stratford. William Moffett, Garfield Landers (a tenant 1939-1942), Harry Pratt (and his wife, through Harry), were all connected to this industry. The house maintained this historical connection 1904-1971. Harry Pratt's son, John E. was not involved in the furniture business.

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 4, 2006. 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 4<sup>th</sup> day of November 2006.

  
Joan L. Thomson – City Clerk