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June 18, 2018

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Ontario Heritage Trust
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Attention: Erin Semande, Registrar

Re: Notice of Intention to Designate – 296 William Street, Exeter

We enclose a copy of our Notice of Intention to Designate certain features of the Isaac Moore residence at 296 William Street in the Exeter Ward of the Municipality of South Huron, in the County of Huron. For your additional information, the Statement of Cultural Heritage, a brief history of the house is also enclosed.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Rebekah Msuya-Collison".

Rebekah Msuya-Collison, Clerk
Municipality of South Huron
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Encl.

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Notice of Intention to Designate Former Hooper House as a Property of Cultural Heritage Value or Interest

Dated June 18, 2018

**Former Hooper House built on the former Elston Estate located on property described as Plan 376, Part Lots 173, 174 and 175; Exeter (296 William Street) Huron County
- Notice of Intention to Designate as a Property of Cultural Heritage Value or Interest under Part IV of the *Ontario Heritage Act***

The Council of the Municipality of South Huron has indicated its intent to designate the former Hooper House, 296 William Street, Exeter Ontario, as a property of cultural heritage value or interest under Part IV of the *Ontario Heritage Act* (the Act).

A statement outlining the cultural heritage value or interest of the former Hooper House is available on the website or by contacting the Clerk's Department.

As per the Act, notice of objection to the designation can be received by the undersigned until **July 27, 2018**. Any person may, within the 30 days after the date of the publication of the Notice, serve written notice of their objections to the proposed designation, together with a statement for the objection and relevant facts to the Municipal Clerk. Upon receipt of an objection, the matter shall be referred to the Conservation Review Board for a hearing and report. If no objection is received within the designated period, Council may consider and pass a By-Law designating the former Hooper House under Part IV of the Act.

This notice is being served in accordance with Section 26 of the Act.

Rebekah Msuya-Collison, Municipal Clerk
clerk@southhuron.ca
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The Ontario Heritage Act, R.S.O. 1990, Chapter O.18

Description of Cultural Heritage Value and Description of Heritage Attributes
296 William Street, Exeter, Ontario

Description of Property:

Constructed in 1894 for Henry Hooper and Dinah Hooper (nee Elston), the two-storey building is representative of residential late Victorian brick architecture of this area. The property - a former orchard estate home - is located at 296 William Street in the former Town of Exeter, now the Exeter Ward of the Municipality of South Huron.

Statement of Cultural Heritage Value or Interest:

The home is a good example of the vernacular late Victorian residential style of architecture which is unique to the South Huron area. Typical of this style is an all-brick construction using what was then locally-sourced white brick from the now closed brick yards at Crediton. Unique to this home are decorative frames around each window done in red brick, which bears resemblance to the construction of our town hall, erected around the same time.

The cultural heritage value of the home also lies in its direct historical association with Thomas Pryde, MPP for Huron from 1948 to 1958. Mr. Pryde was a native of Scotland who lived in Toronto and London before going into the monument business in Exeter. He was a two time reeve of Exeter, served in both the Army and Air Force in World War I and in the second as a flight lieutenant with the RCAF. Pryde won the nomination to be a Member of Provincial Parliament in 1948, was the deputy whip of the party for the final three years of his life, and passed away while serving his constituency in 1958. Mr. Pryde owned the home from 1927 to 1947 when he made his run for office.

Description of Heritage Attributes:

Key features that contribute to the significance and value of the home and which are to be designated for heritage preservation include:

- The all-white-brick construction of the home, with unique red brick frame accents above each window
- Original Victorian corbel mouldings and basic structure top to bottom.
- Original front entry door with stained glass panel and the stained glass transom.
- Original stained glass above three large first floor windows
- Original stained glass above large front bedroom window
- Four original (4) large sash windows on the north, west (upper and lower) and south sides of the home
- Original Victorian side porch fully in tact, with original carved pillars, newell posts, mouldings



Hooper House

(296 William Street, Exeter, Ontario)

Built on the former Elston Estate

Construction Began: October 1891

Construction Complete: June 1894

May 7, 1891, Exeter Advocate

The remains of Mr. Robert Elston were brought here on Wednesday evening train from Muskegon, Mich. Deceased was taken from here some time ago to the Insane Asylum, London, and being granted his freedom he went to reside with his daughter in the place above stated. His illness was not considered dangerous and the sad news no doubt will be a surprise to many readers of the Advocate.

December 8 1892, Exeter Times

It would appear that arrangements are definitely settled regarding the proposed new grist mill in this place. The committee appointed by the Board of Trade to circulate a subscription list, having secured some \$2,000, on Tuesday purchased the site, 100 feet of Mr. H. Hooper's property on Main-st., opposite the town hall has been selected at \$10 per foot. The erection of the mill will be proceeded with as soon as practicable.

March 18 1897, Exeter Advocate

Died of Lock-jaw.

Last week mention was made in these columns of an accident happening Henry Franklin Hooper, son of Mr. Henry Hooper, who unfortunately had his leg broken by a cow running over him. This week it is our duty to record his death. His case at first was not considered serious but blood poisoning set in followed by lock-jaw and after much intense suffering the little fellow died at a late hour Wednesday night. His age was 8 years, 9 months and 17 days. The funeral took place to the Exeter cemetery on Friday. The parents have the sympathy of a large circle of friends.

October 15 1891, Exeter Advocate

Mr. H. Hooper having disposed of his brick residence on William st. to Mr. Thomas May, has begun making preparations to remodel the dwelling house on the Elston estate.

June 28 1894, Exeter Advocate

Mr. Taylor's new residence on Main St., and H. Hooper's on William St., will soon be ready to be occupied. Both of these houses are fine two story cottages.

September 9 1898, Exeter Advocate

Mrs. Hannah Brawn, who has been a long and highly respected resident of Exeter, this week disposed of her house and premises, situated on Main Street to Mr. Henry Hooper, and will move to Wroxeter, where she will reside with her brother. Mrs. Brawn will hold an auction sale on Tuesday next, to dispose of her household effects. We understand that Mr. Hooper will move into the house, having rented his own on William street to Mr. J. G. Jones, of Winchelsea.