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THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF WINDSOR

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IN THE MATTER OF *THE ONTARIO HERITAGE ACT*  
AND IN THE MATTER OF THE LANDS AND PREMISES KNOWN AS  
420 KILDARE ROAD IN THE CITY OF WINDSOR  
IN THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO DESIGNATE

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ONTARIO HERITAGE TRUST  
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**TAKE NOTICE THAT** the Council of the Corporation of the City of Windsor intends to designate the property, including lands and buildings known as 420 Kildare Road as a property of architectural and/or historical value or interest under Part IV of *The Ontario Heritage Act*.

**Statement of Significance/Reasons for Designation**

**420 Kildare Road**

**Description of Historic Place**

The Walkerville Garage building located at 420 Kildare Road was constructed in 1913. It is a three storey steel frame building with the appearance of an Early Twentieth Century Commercial style building. The Walkerville Garage building was a long time garage and industrial building. It is located between early industrial uses and residential uses in the core area of the former Town of Walkerville.

**Heritage Value**

**Historic Value:**

The subject building is associated with the early manufacturing base of Walkerville, from the original Canadian Auto Painting & Trimming Company business, to the Walkerville Garage, medicinal manufacturing, then textile and clothing manufacturing businesses.

The design of Walkerville Garage is attributed to Malcolm Leybourne and R.J. Whitney, who were also responsible for the First Baptist Church on Mercer Street which is also on the Windsor Municipal Heritage Register.

### **Architectural Importance:**

The building is an early example of the steel frame construction in the area. Constructed primarily of a steel skeleton with steel trusses and a low peaked roof, the building is clad with a brick rainscreen in a combination of double and triple wythe. The Early Twentieth Century Commercial style building is mostly a long rectilinear block with raised portion at the back to accommodate a freight elevator in its original design. The front facade is clad with face brick with a triple-bay design demarcated by vertical pilasters. Stone banding located below the entablature is integrated with brick voussoirs, keystones and column capitals on the Kildare facing elevation. The front facade also contains stone accents on the pilaster capitals, while the pilasters on the rear wall are stone capped. The windows surrounding the building are lined with stone sills.

### **Contextual Importance:**

The property is a rare survivor of early industrial properties constructed within the core areas of Walkerville, and remains as one of the few original properties to reflect the early industrial activities and economic prosperity of the former Town of Walkerville. Located on Kildare Road which was also known as First Street, the Walkerville Garage building serves as the southern limit to the collection of industrial buildings further north, defining the boundary for separation of industrial and residential uses planned by the Walker family in the development of the Town. The subject property is a highly visible and long-standing landmark from the corner of Assumption Street and Kildare Road.

### **Character Defining Elements**

#### **Items that contribute to the historical value include:**

- Association with the early growth of the Town of Walkerville through its industrial and manufacturing history
- Designed by Malcolm Leybourne and R.J. Whitney

#### **Exterior features that contribute to the architectural value include:**

- Built in 1913
- Early Twentieth Century Commercial style three storey former industrial/commercial building
  - Steel frame construction with rainscreen brick
  - Low peaked roof with steel trusses
  - Long rectilinear block massing with raised portion in the southeast corner
  - Triple-bay front facade with face brick demarcated by vertical pilasters
  - Stone banding below entablature integrated with brick voussoirs, keystones and column capitals on front facade
  - Stone accents on pilaster capitals of the front wall

- Slightly recessed brick inset surrounds below third and second floor windows with simple flat stone roundels
- Stone window sills
- Stone base on the front wall
- Pilaster with stone caps on the rear wall
- Wall tie bars on side and rear wall

**Characteristics that contribute to the contextual value include:**

- Rare survivor of early industrial properties constructed within the core areas of former Town of Walkerville
- Serves as part of the southern boundary within the core area for the separation of industrial and residential uses in the Walkerville town planning
- Is highly visible and a landmark to the immediate neighbourhood

Any person may, within thirty days of the publication of this notice, send by registered mail or deliver to the Clerk of the City of Windsor notice of his or her objection to the proposed designation together with a statement of the reasons for the objection and all relevant facts. If such a Notice of Objection is received, the Council of the Corporation of the City of Windsor shall refer the matter to the Conservation Review Board for a hearing.

**DATED** at Windsor, Ontario this 16<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2018  
Steve Vlachodimos, Deputy City Clerk & Senior Manager of Council Services



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