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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
1566 PILLETTE IN THE CITY OF WINDSOR
IN THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO DESIGNATE

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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 1566 Pillette 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

1566 Pillette Road
(Plan 1063 Lot 40)

Description of Historic Place

The Hong Family House is on the east side of Pillette Road, between the Canadian National Railroad and Tecumseh Road East. The house was built in 1928 in an exotic Tudor Revival style, and has been in continuous use. It has been occupied by the Hong family, early Chinese-Canadian immigrants and their descendants, since 1953.

Heritage Value

Historic Value:

Historical Importance:

Since 1953, this home has been occupied by the Hong family. In 1918 and before, Hong family members paid the exorbitant "Head Tax" that the Canadian government charged Chinese immigrants, in order to discourage Chinese immigration. They were one of four Chinese-Canadian families in Windsor. The Hong family had also lost two brothers in World War II. When the house was constructed in 1928, ownership and occupancy were limited to Caucasians.

Architectural Importance:

This house, built in 1928, is of an exotic Tudor Revival style, one-and-one-half storeys, with stucco half-timbering (including diagonal and curved members) on the second floor, brick on the first floor (red mixed with grey including periodic projected bricks), and a shaped-block foundation. The asymmetrical façade includes a projected centre-left porch with brick piers supporting offset short wood posts, a group of three second-floor windows under a shingled triangular gable, and a high-pitch dormer that is inset at its base. The front window set is surrounded by red bricks on the sides and alternating red and grey on the lintel. The roof has slopes of two or more angles, flared in or out toward the base. Against the right side is tall, rectangular brick chimney with two chimney pots. A garage is attached to the left front corner; it repeats the offset porch posts, and has a flared roof and panelled doors.

Contextual Importance:

The Tudor Revival house addressed 1566 Pillette Road was built in 1928 in the village of Ford City, later East Windsor, and since 1935 part of the City of Windsor. It originally had a street address of 1068 Pillette and was changed to its present address about 1937.

The home was one of the first houses of the Reaume Organization "Country Club District" development. The Reaume Organization flagship model homes were Tudor Revival designs. The builder was David Guitard.

New home construction stopped with the Great Depression in late 1929. About half the lots facing Pillette Road between the CN Railroad and Tecumseh Road East were built on, including the neighbours on either side of 1566, but almost none of the lots on the parallel streets were occupied. The remaining lots were built on mostly in the late 1940s with small houses.

Character Defining Elements

Items that contribute to the historical value include:

- Since 1953, this home has been occupied by the Hong family. In 1918 and before, Hong family members paid the exorbitant "Head Tax" that the Canadian government charged Chinese immigrants, in order to discourage Chinese immigration. They were one of four Chinese-Canadian families in Windsor. The Hong family had also lost two brothers in World War II. When the house was constructed in 1928, ownership and occupancy were limited to Caucasians.
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Exterior features that contribute to the architectural value include:

- Built in 1928, of an exotic Tudor Revival style.
- One-and-one-half storeys.
- Stucco half-timbering (including diagonal and curved members) on the second floor.
- Brick on the first floor (red mixed with grey including periodic projected bricks).
- Shaped-block foundation.
- Porch projected centre-left, with brick piers supporting offset short wood posts.
- Three second-floor windows grouped under a shingled triangular gable.
- High-pitch dormer with a pair of windows inset at its base.
- Roof slopes of two or more angles, flared in or out near the base.
- Chimney against the right side, brick, with two chimney pots.
- Garage attached to the left front corner, with offset posts, flared roof and panelled doors.

Characteristics that contribute to the contextual value include:

- One of the first houses of the Reaume Organization "Country Club District" development, in the former municipality of Ford City.

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 20th day of April 2011
Steve Vlachodimos, Deputy City Clerk & Senior Manager of Council Services

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