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Khanna Holdings Inc  
23 Princess Street  
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**Re: Notice of Intent to Designate  
62 to 68 King Street West and 10 to 12A Centre Street North**

Pursuant to Part IV of the *Ontario Heritage Act*, R.S.O. 1990, Chapter O. 18, please be advised that the Council of the Corporation of the City of Oshawa intends to designate the following property as a property of cultural heritage value or interest:

62 to 68 King Street West and 10 to 12A Centre Street North (described as PT LT 7 N/S KING ST PL H50002 OSHAWA; PT LT 7 S/S BOND ST PL H50002 OSHAWA AS IN D269527; OSHAWA.)

## **Reasons for the Proposed Designation**

### **1. Location and Description of Property**

of many years, the building maintains its design and physical value as a modern interpretation of the Italianate style.

62 to 68 King Street West and 10 to 12A Centre Street North has associative value given that a number of early Oshawa citizens owned and/or operated the hotel, including the Woon family (headed by Richard Woon who immigrated from England and owned several Oshawa properties), the McElroy family, the Lockhart family, the Hobbs family, and Arthur Appleyard. The property was also a well-known and respected hotel with many modern conveniences between the years 1838 and 1921 – and was once referred to as the ‘best tavern between Kingston and Toronto’, in 1844.

62 to 68 King Street West and 10 to 12A Centre Street North has contextual value as it continues to be a landmark historical property that serves as the western gateway to Oshawa's downtown core, bookending the Genosha Hotel as the eastern gateway.

62 to 68 King Street West and 10 to 12A Centre Street North also has contextual value as an apartment residence, particularly for single tradesmen post-1880, and home to many small retail and office businesses from the 1920s to present.

#### **4. Heritage Attributes**

### **Associative Value**

- The Oshawa House Hotel at 62 to 68 King Street West and 10 to 12A Centre Street North is reported to have been built c.1838. Richard Woon, a local merchant, was the original owner until his death in 1858 at which time ownership was transferred to A. Lockhart. Richard Woon served as hotelkeeper from 1838 until 1850. Mr. Woon was a native of Cornwall, England who settled in Oshawa in 1834.
- John McElroy took a turn as hotelkeeper in 1853. He was born in Ireland c. 1810. Although identified as "proprietor", John McElroy was never owner of the Oshawa House.
- Mr. A. Lockhart of Bowmanville took over ownership of the Oshawa House Hotel in 1858. John McElroy continued to serve as hotelkeeper, being joined by his son William in 1863, who served as hotel clerk. William is listed in the militia roll in 1865 under First Class Service.
- John Hobbs of Oshawa was owner in the 1870s and 1880s. John Hobbs was born in England c. 1806. His wife Jane was sixteen years younger. James and Mary Jane Miller assisted the Hobbs at the hotel. By 1881, Jane Hobbs was operating the hotel with the help of the Millers and John and Eliza Cooper.

- Richard Woon, the hotel's first owner, was a popular and successful Oshawa merchant in the early 1800s owning several properties in the downtown core.
- The Oshawa House Hotel boasts in the Canadian Souvenir Publishing Company's booklet "Oshawa...The Manchester of Canada" (1898) of having "forty well-furnished bedrooms, tasty sitting rooms and parlors, a large, well-lit reading room, and an excellent bar."
- The Ontario Reformer's special souvenir edition of 1911 describes the Oshawa House Hotel at 62 to 68 King Street West and 10 to 12A Centre Street North as a "modern hotel in every respect" with 25 large and airy guest rooms, a well fitted office, comfortable sitting, lounging and writing rooms, a large dining room, and a thoroughly stocked bar (all popular and advertised brands) in addition to good yards and stable.
- 62 to 68 King Street West and 10 to 12A Centre Street North continues to be a landmark historical property that serves as the western gateway to Oshawa's downtown core, bookending the Genosha Hotel as the eastern gateway.

While the full particulars of the Reasons for Designation for 62 to 68 King Street West and 10 to 12A Centre Street North are normally available for inspection in Planning Services, 8<sup>th</sup> Floor, City Hall, 50 Centre Street South, between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through