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February 15<sup>th</sup>, 2023

10 Adelaide Street

Toronto, Ontario

M5C 1J3

Attention: Ontario Heritage Trust

To whom it may concern,

RE: Notice of Intention to Designate 8 St. Andrews avenue under Part IV of the *Ontario Heritage Act*

Please find the Notice of Intention to Designate enclosed for the property at 8 St. Andrews Avenue, Grimsby, Ontario, Canada.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.

Take care,



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## NOTICE OF INTENTION TO DESIGNATE 8 St. Andrews Avenue

**TAKE NOTICE** that Grimsby Town Council, on January 10th, 2023 resolved to issue a Notice of Intention to Designate LT 21, Township Plan 113; GRIMSBY as a property of cultural heritage value or interest under Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act.

**The Reason** for the Notice of Intention to Designate is to recognize the physical, associative and contextual value that **8 St. Andrews Avenue** contributes towards the Town of Grimsby's inclusive heritage.

### Statement of Cultural Heritage Value or Interest

The property is a rare, unique, representative or early example of a style. The home is a strong example of the arts and crafts style with Tudor influences. Many of the original details such as the hexagonal vestibule with a hexagonal pointed roof with shallow eaves, arched front door, small vestibule wooden window, iron railings, poured concrete foundation, porch and walkways, textured arts and crafts brick, large front facing chimney with stone details detached wooden framed garage with original wooden vertical tongue and groove door and glazed openings and slag glass porch light fixture remain intact.

The Grimsby Independent makes special mention of the Shafer Brothers' business experiencing a boom in new builds and restoration in 1943/44 (Thursday, February 10th, 1944. Front page) the house at 8 St Andrews Avenue, for which the development contract was signed in October in 1944, is therefore an important and representative example of the homes built during the height of the Brothers' building boom.

The property displays a high degree of craftsmanship or artistic merit. The Shafer Brothers had a reputation within Grimsby for building high-quality homes using high-end materials. The craftsmanship can be represented by the use of curved wood elements such as the arched front door and storm door. The complex hexagonal roof would have been built by a highly skilled trades person, as buildings of this era were still being built with hand cut roofs and rafters. The house has a "whimsical" style, which can only be achieved through thoughtful design and attention to detail.

This home has many Arts and Crafts elements characteristic of the Shafer Brothers' building style, the window casings demonstrate the high quality moldings the brothers were particularly known for. The home represents a mature stage in their development, and in the development of the neighborhood, as the Shafer Brothers had been building new construction homes for over a decade prior to its 1944 construction. The use of quality materials, such as Arts and Crafts brick, iron railings, wooden windows, arched doorways, and unique rooflines are representative of this local historic team.

The Shafer Brothers built the first subdivision in Grimsby, Beginning in 1938, they built almost every home on Nelles Boulevard. Just one street over from St Andrews Ave. They are also listed as having built all but two houses on Murray Street. Although their developments on St Andrews Street are seldom mentioned, they are equally significant; a 1943 Grimsby independent article mentions 3 new homes to be constructed by the brothers that same year. (Grimsby independent, Thursday July 15th, 1943, front page, "what a low tax rate is doing for Grimsby") While a subsequent issue mentions two additional new homes contracted in 1944 (The Grimsby Independent, Thursday October 5th 1944, P.5 Brevities Column). Given that at least five of the houses on St Andrews Avenue were built by the brothers, as well as the subdivision on Nelles Boulevard, and most of the houses on Murray Street. The styles of the home are



compatible with similar scale and proportions, blending a mix of turn-of-the-century styles such as arts and crafts, Tudor and Cape Cod.

8 St Andrews Avenue is just one street over from Harvey Shafer's own home on Nelles Blvd, As well as the Shafer Brother's mother's home on 19 Murray Street situating it within the personal community of the family members of Grimsby's most prominent developers.

### **HERITAGE ATTRIBUTES TO BE DESIGNATED**

The Heritage Attributes to be designated at 8 St. Andrews Avenue include:

#### **Defining elements of the house:**

- Gable roof with front facing gable
- 1-1/2 Storey
- Hexagonal vestibule and roof
- Shallow eaves and soffits
- Window and door openings
- Arched door
- Vestibule wooden window
- 6/1 double hung windows
- Window casings
- Arched wooden screen door
- Multi Colored brick (arts & crafts feature)
- Front facing double flue chimney
- Decorative stone details on chimney shoulder
- Front steps and iron railings
- Original slag glass porch light fixture
- Curved garden walkway
- Concrete foundation
- Mature landscaping
- Original front door
- Original 6" Oak Siding under aluminum siding

#### **Defining elements of the garage:**

- Wood frame
- Fully detached
- Sing car garage
- Hipped roof
- Original garage door – Vertical tongue and groove door with two glazed openings

### **OBJECTIONS**

Any objection to this designation must be filed no later than 30 days after the date of publication of the notice of intention in a newspaper. Objections should be directed to Bonnie Nistico-Dunk, Town Clerk, Town Clerk, 160 Livingston Avenue, Grimsby ON, L3M 0J53.

### **MORE INFORMATION**

Any inquiries may be directed to Bianca Verrecchia, Heritage Planner at 905-945-9634 ext. 2122 or by email [bverrecchia@grimsby.ca](mailto:bverrecchia@grimsby.ca)

**Last date to file Notice of Objection: March 17<sup>th</sup>, 2023**

