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April 12th, 2023

10 Adelaide Street

Toronto, Ontario

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Attention: Ontario Heritage Trust

To whom it may concern,

RE: Notice of Intention to Designate 50-52 Park Road North under Part IV of the *Ontario Heritage Act*

Please find the Notice of Intention to Designate enclosed for the property at 50-52 Park Road North, 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

### 50-52 Park Road North

**TAKE NOTICE** that Grimsby Town Council, on April 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2023 resolved to issue a Notice of Intention to Designate 50-52 Park Road North 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 **50-52 Park Road North** contributes towards the Town of Grimsby's inclusive heritage.

#### **Statement of Cultural Heritage Value or Interest**

##### ***The Large Brick House***

The large brick house is representative of the craftsman style typical to Ontario in the 1920s. Key aspects of this style include symmetry, the double flue chimney with decorative stone details, smooth red brick with lime mortar, gable roof with front-facing gable dormer, deep eaves and soffits, stone-cut lintels, stone-cut sills, transom window over front door (3 lite), decorative green wooden trim at eaves and on second story features, enclosed front porch (including red brick knee walls with stone caps, square brick columns, enclosed in 1930), first story box bay windows with flat roofs (including brick and cut stone construction and overhanging roof line featuring green wooden trim), original window and door openings, some original wooden storm windows, poured concrete foundation, rear porch and balcony, original light over front door, original front door, and mature landscaping.

The large house on the Gadsby property has ties with notable names within the Grimsby community. The property was originally owned by fruit farmer, businessman, and Councillor James Marlow, who initiated the construction of this subdivision. The Gadsby family also lived in the structure while operating the adjacent shoe factory and business, E.J. Gadsby and Sons. The Gadsby Shoe Factory was opened by Edwin James Gadsby, who made the factory a place of innovation and a centre of shoe production in Grimsby during its years of operation. The factory remained in the Gadsby family through 3 generations before being sold by Edwin's grandson, EJ Gordon Gadsby, in 2022.

The property is physically, functionally, visually, or historically linked to its surroundings. The large house on the Gadsby property is important in defining the relationship between Grimsby beach, Grimsby Town and the QEW.

##### ***The Factory***

The Industrial Streamline Moderne building is unique in its style because of its timber post and beam construction system with wooden exterior frame, and details such as; the three story structure, original one story structure with multiple story additions, multi-story flat roofs with perimeter parapet, original iron entrance gates to factory/property with brick columns and concrete caps, three arched carriage style loading doors with strap hinges on the oldest section of the building, Original double-hung sash wooden windows (one over ones, four over fours and some wooden storm windows), folding exterior metal fire escape, unique 56 pane patterned glass block window, metal smoke stack, smooth red brick chimneys, unique corner window

placement, and identifying feature of Streamline Moderne architecture, original window and door openings, steel fire escape ladder, original wood entrance door with glazing and side lites on the North facade, flat roofed awning over main entrance door, second story wooden loading doors with glazing, second story hoist over loading doors, paneled roof access door, original window and door openings, window groupings, proximity to train station and QEW, proximity to the Gadsby family houses, and mature landscaping.

In addition to simply producing shoes, the Gadsby Shoe Factory created patents on the tongue and boot top, made shoes for soldiers during World War II.

The Industrial Streamline Moderne factory has relationships with important names from the Grimsby community. The property was home to The Gadsby Shoe Factory, which was the creator of various patents and innovations in the shoe making world. It is one of the few remaining historic industrial sites in Grimsby.

The Industrial Streamline Moderne factory has been in operation since the 1930's, and owned by the same family. The building, contents, and grounds have the potential to yield information that contributes to the understanding of a community.

The Shafer brothers contributed to the construction of the buildings and evolution of the site. The Shafer Brothers are significant to the Grimsby community because of the amount of high quality surviving buildings they constructed within the town.

The property is considered a landmark when driving down the highway and service road. This property would have also been a landmark along the original Park Rd prior to the construction of the QEW. Further, newspaper articles spoke to the design of the factory and there was significant emphasis on the design and the use of "shiny materials".

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

The Heritage Attributes to be designated at 50-52 Park Road North include:

#### **Large house:**

- Craftsman architectural style
- Symmetrical architectural features
- Double flue chimney with decorative stone details
- Smooth red brick with lime mortar
- Gable roof with front-facing gable dormer
- Deep eaves and soffits
- Stone-cut lintels
- Stone-cut sills
- Transom window over front door (3 lite) and 18 pane side lites
- Decorative green wooden trim at eaves and on second story features
- Enclosed front porch (including red brick knee walls with stone caps, square brick and 15 pane casement windows)
- First story box bay windows with flat roofs (including brick and cut stone construction and overhanging roof line featuring green wooden trim)
- Original window and door openings
- Original wooden storm windows
- Poured concrete foundation
- Rear porch and balcony



- Original light over front door
- Original front door
- Mature landscaping

#### **Factory:**

- Original one story structure with multiple storey additions
  - Multi-story flat roofs with parameter parapet
  - Original iron entrance gates to factory/property with brick columns with concrete caps
  - Three arched carriage style loading doors with strap hinges
  - Historic white and red paint colour scheme
  - Original double-hung sash wooden windows (one over ones, four over fours and wooden storm windows)
  - Folding exterior metal fire escape
  - Timber post and beam construction system with wooden exterior frame
  - Unique 56 pane patterned glass block window
  - Metal smoke stack
  - Smooth red brick chimneys
  - Unique corner window placement
  - Original window and door openings
  - Steel fire escape ladder
  - Double-car garage door
  - Original wood entrance door with glazing and side lites
  - Extra-wide wooden door
  - Flat roofed awning over main entrance door
  - Second storey wooden loading doors with glazing
  - Second storey hoist over loading doors
  - Paneled roof access door with glazing and original colour scheme
  - Original window and door openings, window groupings
  - Proximity to train station and QEW
  - Proximity to the Gadsby family houses
- Mature landscaping

#### **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: May 13th, 2023**

