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**NOTICE OF INTENTION TO DESIGNATE AS A HERITAGE PROPERTY  
3 KING STREET WEST,  
COLBORNE ONTARIO**

**THE THORNTON HOUSE**

Take Notice that Cramahe Township Council, on **March 19, 2013**, resolved to issue a Notice of Intention to Designate, RP 38R1023 PART 1 PLAN 511 (subject to an easement), municipally known as 3 King Street West, Colborne, ON, K0K 1S0, under section 29 of the Ontario Heritage Act. R.S.O. 1990, c. 18, as a property of cultural heritage value and interest.

The property known as The Thornton House, Colborne, ON meets numerous criteria required for designation under Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act. The site is culturally significant both because of design and physical attributes and historical and associative values.

3 King Street West, Colborne, ON is built in the Georgian style (1720-1840). It is a five bay design with centre hall plan and it includes an 8 square foot chimney and large central fireplace in the federal style. It has original pine floors and original "12 over 12" windows with a large Palladian window in the front gable. Although from the exterior the house appears to be one and half stories, it is a full two stories. There is a secret passage and a Priests' Hole, reminiscent of those of Elizabethan England.

It is speculated that the 3 King Street West, Colborne, ON was built between 1809 and 1831, making it one of the oldest properties in Cramahe Township. In 1831, the property was purchased by John Steele, a prominent newspaper man who was one of the first members of the Board of Queen's University. He was also Postmaster, magistrate, a member of the Board of Education for Newcastle and Superintendent of Schools for the district. Historical correspondence between his wife, Mary Steele, and a friend indicates that the house was already on the property when Mr. Steele purchased it. It has the simplicity and detailing related to the very early 19th century.

The Scougale family, who had the "Scougale Brothers Ladies' Clothing Store, in the Scougale Block next door to 3 King Street West owned the house for 101 years. The distinctive white clapboard house is part of the fabric of the village of Colborne, sited as it is at the turn travelers take around Victoria Square on Highway 2 on their journey from York (Toronto) to Kingston.

Any objection to this designation must be filed no later than **APRIL 27, 2013**.

Objections and/or requests for further information should be directed to:

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