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Please find enclosed a Notice of Intention to Designate for the property known municipally as 11 Victoria Avenue North, Town of Lindsay.

The last date for objections is April 25, 2024. If no objections are filed by 4:00 p.m. on that date with the clerk of the municipality, Council will proceed to pass a bylaw designating the property at the next available Council meeting.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

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## Notice: Intention to Designate Property under the Ontario Heritage Act

Take Notice that the Council of the City of Kawartha Lakes, on March 19, 2024, passed a resolution of intent to designate the following property under Section 29 of the Ontario Heritage Act, R.S.O. 1990, c.18, as a property of cultural heritage value or interest:

11 Victoria Avenue North, Town of Lindsay  
PT LT 14 N/S PEEL ST, 15 N/S PEEL ST PL TOWN PLOT AS IN R175362;  
KAWARTHA LAKES

### Statement of Reasons for Designation

#### Design and Physical Value

11 Victoria Avenue North has design and physical value as a unique example of a late Victorian residential property in Lindsay erected in the High Victorian Gothic style. Constructed in the late 1880s, the property is one of the largest and most ornate surviving examples of this type of domestic architecture in Lindsay. The property is demonstrative of the ornate and eclectic High Victorian architectural style that was regularly employed in domestic design in the latter decades of the nineteenth century that drew on the Gothic Revival style to create ornate and decorative buildings. The subject property includes a range of eclectic architectural elements, including the asymmetrical massing, brick coursing, pointed arches, ornate entrance porch, and distinctive corner tower with gable peaks, that speak to its origins within this stylistic type.

#### Historical and Associative Value

11 Victoria Avenue North has historical and associative value through its direct historical connections with Richard Sylvester, its first owner and an extremely influential and successful businessman in late nineteenth and early twentieth century Lindsay. Sylvester, who lived in the property with his family from the late 1880s when it was constructed to his death in 1919, was the founder and owner of the Sylvester Manufacturing Company, a large Lindsay employer that developed and made farm equipment. They were early manufacturers of important turn of the century agricultural equipment, including twine binders, seed drills, and cultivators. Sylvester is also notable as the creator of the Sylvester Auto-Thresher, an early self-propelled precursor to the modern combine.



### **Contextual Value**

11 Victoria Avenue North has contextual value as a contributing feature to the historic residential neighbourhood to the north of Kent Street West. The area in which the subject property is located contains a wide variety of late nineteenth and early twentieth century residential properties, beginning at Peel Street and continuing north. These properties are representative of the historic development of Lindsay during this period and together form a cohesive historic residential landscape. The property is also directly connected to its neighbour to the south, Victoria Park and the Lindsay Armoury, which were originally connected to this property. The property is a local landmark as one of Lindsay's most recognizable late nineteenth century mansions and for its prominent location adjacent to Victoria Park.

Further information respecting the proposed designation is available at the City's Economic Development Department. Any objection to this designation must be filed within 30 days of March 27, 2024. Objections should be directed to: Cathie Richie, Clerk, City of Kawartha Lakes, P.O. Box 9000, 26 Francis Street, Lindsay, ON K9V 5R8. Objections may be filed electronically at [clerks@kawarthalakes.ca](mailto:clerks@kawarthalakes.ca).

Any inquiries may be directed to:

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