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10 Adelaide Street East
Toronto, Ontario M5C 1J3

RE: NOTICE OF INTENTION TO DESIGNATE UNDER THE *ONTARIO HERITAGE ACT*, 304 RIDGE ROAD NORTH, FORT ERIE

Please be advised that at its Regular Council meeting held of April 22, 2024, the Municipal Council of the Town of Fort Erie considered Report No. PDS-19-2024 and approved the following recommendations:

THAT: Council approves the designation of 304 Ridge Road North as outlined in this report, for architectural, historical and contextual attributes and reasons, under Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act; pursuant to the recommendation of the Museum and Cultural Heritage Advisory Committee, and further

THAT: Council directs staff to prepare a Designation By-law and provide Notice of Intention to Designate in accordance with the Ontario Heritage Act.

In accordance with Council's direction and pursuant to the *Ontario Heritage Act*, please find enclosed a Notice of Intention to Designate the above property. A Notice of Intention to Designate will also be published in the Town's local newspaper on May 23, 2024.

In the event that you have an objection to the proposed designation, you are required to serve a Notice of Objection on the Clerk of the Town of Fort Erie within 30 days after the date of publication of this notice, being June 22, 2024.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Kimberlyn Smith
Junior Community Planner
Town of Fort Erie
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THE MUNICIPAL CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF FORT ERIE

Public Notice

Notice of Intention to Designate
Under *Ontario Heritage Act*
304 Ridge Road North
(Beeshy's China Shop)

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Take Notice that upon recommendation of the Town's Museum and Cultural Heritage Committee, the Municipal Council of the Town of Fort Erie intends to designate 304 Ridge Road North under Section 29 of the *Ontario Heritage Act*, R.S.O. 1990, Chapter 0.18, as amended, as being of cultural heritage value or interest for its historical and contextual value.

Description of Property - 304 Ridge Road North – CON 1 LE PT LOT 23, PLAN 227, PT LOT 8, PLAN 349, RP 59R9502, PARTS 1 & 2.

304 Ridge Road North is located in the historic commercial core of Ridgeway. 304 Ridge Road North is one large building with three notable sections constructed during different periods. The date of construction of the rear Gothic Revival section, which is only discernible from the center gable peak roof, is unknown; however, buildings of this type were common through the mid- to late-19th century. The two-and-a-half-storey section was established in 1874 as a general store; however, the exact date of construction for the building is unknown. The Tudor-style façade was added in 1928. The one-storey wing addition, known presently as 300 Ridge Road North, was constructed in the Tudor style circa the 1930s.

Statement of Cultural Heritage Value or Interest

304 Ridge Road North includes a two-and-a-half storey building with a one-storey wing. The building is a representative example of the Tudor Revival architectural style, with a steep front gable roof, a half-timbered façade infilled with painted stucco, ornate oriel windows with wooden framing and muntin bars, diamond-paned leaded glass windows, and a jettied upper storey. The decorative elements and fenestration along the façade further reinforce the architectural style with carved and turned woodwork in the form of brackets, scroll work, and drop spindles, the row of decorative wood quatrefoil and diamond-shaped detailing, the placement of bay windows, and recessed entrances, including the primary entrance, which contains a wooden door flanked by fluted wooden pilasters.

304 Ridge Road North played an important role in the development of the late 19th and early 20th century commercial core of Ridgeway and is directly associated with the Beeshy family, who owned and operated a general store on the premises from 1874–1973. 304 Ridge Road North was established in 1874 as a general store for Jacob A. Beeshy and Zachariah Teal. The general store provided food and supplies to the village of Ridgeway and was known as "Beeshy's and Company." It was a general store typical of its period, with a wood platform slightly raised above the level of board sidewalks and large front windows used to display items for sale such as grocery staples, kitchenware, and clocks and watches.

304 Ridge Road North is important in supporting the 19th- and early-20th-century character of the historic commercial core of Ridgeway. The commercial streetscape of Ridge Road North is comprised of predominantly one-and-a-half to three storey commercial buildings of various architectural styles and narrow setbacks along the street. 304 Ridge Road North was among the first stores in the historic Ridgeway community. It has unique construction and ornamentation and exhibits setbacks, massings, and decorative details consistent with the character of the historic commercial core.

Description of Heritage Attributes

Key elements that contribute to the heritage value of 304 Ridge Road North include:

- Location of Ridge Road North
- Orientation, massing and setbacks of the two-and-a-half-storey building with a one-storey wing Tudor Revival building
- Two-and-a-half-storey building with a one-storey wing Tudor Revival building
 - Front gable roof
 - Half-timbered façade infilled with painted stucco
 - Oriel windows with paired windows with wooden framing and muntin bars with diamond-paned leaded glass windows

- Jettied upper-storey
- Decorative woodwork in the form of brackets, scroll work, and drop spindle
- Row of decorative wood quatrefoil and diamond shape detailing
- Bar windows with leaded glass details
- Recessed main entrance with wood door flanked by fluted wood pilasters
- Replica black basalt decorative panel
- Interior murals and cabinetry

A more detailed description of the property's cultural heritage value or interest may be found in Council Report PDS-19-2024 dated April 22nd, 2024.

Further information respecting the notice of intention to designate the property is available from the Town of Fort Erie by contacting Kimberlyn Smith, Junior Community Planner, at (905) 871-1600, Ext. 2508, or by email at ksmith@forterie.ca.

Notice of Objection

Any person may, within thirty (30) days after the date of the publication of this Notice of Intention to Designate, serve on the Clerk of the Town of Fort Erie a Notice of Objection to this proposed designation, setting out the reasons for this objection and all relevant facts.

If a Notice of Objection is received, the Council of the Town of Fort Erie shall consider the objection and make a decision whether or not to withdraw the notice of intention to designate the property within 90 days after the end of the 30-day objection period. If Council decides not to withdraw its intention to designate, a heritage designation bylaw must be passed within 120 days after the date of publication of the notice of intention to designate. Council must publish a notice of passing of the designation bylaw, which is followed by a 30-day appeal period when appeals of the bylaw may be made to the Ontario Land Tribunal.

Where no Notice of Objection is served, Council may pass a by-law designating the property.

Peter Todd, Manager Legislative Services/Town Clerk
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 Fort Erie Ontario, L2A 2S6
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