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## Planning and Development Services

May 2, 2024

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**RE: NOTICE OF INTENTION TO DESIGNATE UNDER THE *ONTARIO HERITAGE ACT*, 3555 YACHT HARBOUR ROAD, 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-21-2024 and approved the following recommendations:

*THAT: Council approves the designation of 3555 Yacht Harbour Road 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,

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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*  
3555 Yacht Harbour Road  
(The Haun Lawson House)

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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 3555 Yacht Harbour Road under Section 29 of the *Ontario Heritage Act*, R.S.O. 1990, Chapter O.18, as amended, as being of cultural heritage value or interest for its historical and contextual value.

**Description of Property -** 3555 Yacht Harbour Road – FORT ERIE, CON BFLE, PT LOT 22, RP 59R13402, PART 1.

3555 Yacht Harbour Road is located close to the north shore of Lake Erie. It consists of a two and-a-half storey stone Georgian residence with a side gable roof, constructed between 1810 and 1812.

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

3555 Yacht Harbour Road is a representative example of a residence built in the Georgian architectural style. The two-storey-and-half building follows a box-shaped plan with a side gable roof, symmetrical five-bay façade, and a formal recessed entryway with fanlight transom, which are all typical features of the Georgian architectural style. The solid construction, minimal ornamentation, plain frieze, rectangular window openings with six-over-six and two-over-two windows, and paired stone chimneys in gable ends are also indicative of the Georgian architectural style.

3555 Yacht Harbour Road is an early example of a large Georgian two-and-a-half-storey stone building. Construction began in 1810 and was completed in 1812, making it one of the oldest buildings in Fort Erie.

3555 Yacht Harbour Road is directly associated with the Haun family, a United Empire Loyalist family that was one of Bertie Township's earliest settlers. The stone house was built for Mathais Haun (Junior), the son of Mathais Haun (Senior), a United Empire Loyalist from Pennsylvania who immigrated to Upper Canada in 1787. Mathais Haun Junior received the patent in 1798, and the stone house was constructed between 1810 and 1812. Mathais Haun was a large landholder in the area and played an important role in the early municipal administration of the township, serving as a tax assessor (1810), a tax collector (1821), and a town warden (1825). Haun's son, Isaac Haun, also played an important role in the municipal development and was Bertie Township's first Reeve.

3555 Yacht Harbour Road is historically and functionally linked to its surroundings. The subject property has a strong historical connection to the War of 1812, which was a pivotal event in the development of Canada. The building's strategic location on a ridge above Lake Erie with a commanding view of the United States, as well as its size and sturdy stone construction, were attractive and tactical features that resulted in the British commandeering the house for use as barracks for three years during the War of 1812.

3555 Yacht Harbour Road is functionally linked to its surroundings, specifically its location on a small cove on the waterfront. The house was built at a time when the township was largely without surveyed roads in the late 18th and early 19th centuries, making water travel an essential form of transportation.

### **Description of Heritage Attributes**

Key elements that contribute to the heritage value of 3555 Yacht Harbour Road include:

- Prominent position along Lake Erie edge within a cove
- Two-and-a-half-storey Georgian building with a one-storey addition on the east elevation
  - Side gable roof with paired stone chimneys in gable ends
  - Symmetrical five-bay façade
  - Centered entrance with fanlight transom
  - Stone masonry construction
  - Rectangular window openings with jack arch made of stone voussoirs
  - Six-over-six and two-over-two wood windows across all elevations



- Queen-Anne style multi-paned windows on west elevation
- Five0bay rear (south) elevation
- Shed-roof veranda spanning first-storey along the rear elevation supported by four stone pillars

A more detailed description of the property's cultural heritage value or interest may be found in Council Report PDS-21-2024 dated April 22<sup>nd</sup>, 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](mailto: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.

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