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RE: **Property at 3 King Street West in Harrow**

Dear Town of Essex Property Owner.

At their regular meeting on Monday June 17, the Council for the Corporation of the Town of Essex issued a Notice of Intention to Designate your property at 3 King Street West under section 29 of the Ontario Heritage Act.

Why was my property selected?

Your property has been selected because it displays cultural heritage value and interest.

Attached is a Statement explaining the cultural heritage value or interest of the property and a description of the heritage attributes of the property.

Notice of objection

A Notice of Objection to the Notice of Intention to Designate may be served on the Clerk of the Town of Essex by **July 27, 2024**. The Notice of Objection must set out the reasons for the objection and all relevant facts.

Your cooperation with the preservation of our past is greatly appreciated.

Yours truly,

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Where you belong



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APPENDIX A

Municipal Address

3 King Street West, Harrow – John McAfee’s General Store

Legal Description

RCP 1645 LOT 34

General Description of Property

3 King Street West is located in the former township of Harrow, now Town of Essex, on the south side of King Street and at the corner of King Street West and McAfee Street, opposite 21 King Street East.

Description of Property that has Cultural Heritage Value or Interest

The area of the property that demonstrates cultural heritage value or interest is the area that includes the two-storey red brick commercial building

Statement of Cultural Heritage Value or Interest

Historical/Associative

The property has historical value or associative value because it has direct associations with a theme, event, belief, person, activity, organization or institution that is significant to a community.

3 King Street West retains its historical and associative value because it has direct associations with John McAfee. McAfee was a civil engineer who worked for Hiram Walker in the 1880s and surveyed the area in and surrounding Harrow for the construction of the Lake Erie, Essex, and Detroit River railway. McAfee was also an influential businessman who helped develop Harrow’s downtown core during the late 19th century, helped organize the first Harrow Fair in 1878, and contributed much to the growth of Harrow and the surrounding rural areas.

The building is one of the original building blocks of downtown Harrow, having been built prior to 1883, prior to the completion of McAfee Street in 1888.



Contextual

The property has contextual value because it is important in defining, maintaining or supporting the character of an area.

3 King Street West is located within the area of downtown Harrow. Downtown Harrow includes several buildings which are the earliest buildings blocks of Harrow's commercial district. 3 King Street West is important in defining, maintaining and supporting the character of downtown Harrow because it is one of the original building blocks of Harrow and is reflective of architecture for late 19th century commercia buildings.

Description of Heritage Attributes

The key heritage attributes that contribute to the historical/associative value that has direct associations with John McAfee includes:

- The buildings location at the corner of King Street West and McAfee Street.

The key heritage attributes that contribute to the contextual value of 3 King Street West, includes:

- The location of the building in the commercial district of Harrow,
- The mass, form, and style of the commercial building,
- The red brick cladding in common brick bond on all elevations of the building,
- All existing window openings topped with rowlock and header brick voussoirs on the building,
- Decorative inlaid white bricks,
- Decorative frieze on the front façade.