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RE: Property at 179 County Road 50, West of the Hamlet of Colchester

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 179 County Road 50 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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APPENDIX A

Municipal Address

179 County Rd. 50, Colchester – John Sinder House

Legal Description

CON 1 PT LOT 73 T/W & S/T

General Description of Property

179 County Road 50 is a 1.4 hectare residential lot located on the south side of County Road 50, just west of Walnut Lane and the Hamlet of Colchester, and fronting on Lake Erie.

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 colonial style home built in 1813.

Statement of Cultural Heritage Value or Interest

Design/Physical Value

The property has design value or physical value because it is a rare, unique, representative or early example of a style, type, expression, material or construction method.

179 County Road 50 retains design and physical value because it is a rare representation of a colonial home built in a Loyalist architectural style with inspiration from a log house. The house demonstrates this style primarily through its layout, the materials used to construct it, the roof line, and the windows and window placement.

Historical/Associative Value

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.

179 County Road 50 retains historical or associative value because it has direct associations with John Snider who built the home in 1813. John Snider was a United



Empire Loyalist (U.E.L) who settled in Colchester in the 1790s following his family's escape from the United States after the American War of Independence. Like other United Empire Loyalist's, Snider refused to fight alongside the revolutionaries during the American War of Independence, remaining loyal to the British Crown, and migrated north immediately following the conflict to avoid persecution.

Many loyalist families were granted land in both Upper and Lower-Canada by the government of King George III for their loyalty to the crown. This aided in the further settlement of both Upper and Lower-Canada and in the development of English-speaking Canada.

Snider was granted the entirety of Lot 73 just west of the village of Colchester by King George III. It is purported that from the house's location, builders were able to hear cannons being fired during the Battle of Lake Erie on September 10, 1813. Snider died on May 17, 1828, and he and his wife, Elizabeth, are buried at the Tofflemire-Snider Cemetery just east of the Hamlet of Colchester.

The property has historical value or associative value because it yields, or has the potential to yield, information that contributes to an understanding of a community or culture.

179 County Road 50 retains historical or associative value because it has the potential to yield information on the lifestyle of some of the earliest settlers in the area and showcases the parcels that were often granted to United Empire Loyalists by King George III. The house showcases the types of materials and construction methods of the era and is connected to one of the first settler families in the area.

Description of Heritage Attributes

The key heritage attributes that contribute to the design and physical value of 179 County Road 50, includes:

- The black wooden cladding,
- All existing window openings with surrounding wooden sills and door openings,
- The limestone and walnut logs forming the foundation and walls,
- The brick chimney,
- The existing roof line.



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The key heritage attributes that contribute to the historical/associative value that has direct associations with John Snider and the Snider family include:

- The location of the house on the southern side of County Road 50, along the northern shore of Lake Erie,
- The location of the house on the lands with a view of Lake Erie and the surrounding farmland.