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Planning and Development Services

July 25, 2024

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OHA Registrar
Ontario Heritage Trust
10 Adelaide Street East
Toronto, Ontario M5C 1J3

RE: NOTICE OF INTENTION TO DESIGNATE UNDER THE *ONTARIO HERITAGE ACT*, 487 NIAGARA BOULEVARD, FORT ERIE

Please be advised that at its Council-in-Committee meeting held on July 8, 2024, the Municipal Council of the Town of Fort Erie considered Report No. PDS-36-2024 and approved the following recommendations:

THAT: Council approves the designation of 487 Niagara Boulevard 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 noted property. A Notice of Intention to Designate will also be published in the Town's local newspaper on August 1, 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 August 31, 2024.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

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THE MUNICIPAL CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF FORT ERIE

Public Notice

Notice of Intention to Designate
Under *Ontario Heritage Act*
487 Niagara Boulevard
(Wintemute Building)

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 487 Niagara Boulevard 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 architectural, historical and contextual value.

Description of Property – 487 Niagara Boulevard – PLAN 24 PT LOT G NP 525 RP 59R11045 PART 2 IRREG

487 Niagara Boulevard is located along a residential street adjacent to the Niagara River between Bridgeburg and Fort Erie. The one-and-a-half-storey house is an early 1792-built cottage in the Regency architectural style that has since been heavily altered.

Statement of Cultural Heritage Value or Interest

487 Niagara Boulevard has associative value for the direct association with the Wintemute family, an early United Empire Loyalist family who moved from Pennsylvania in the 1780s and built one of the earliest homes in the Fort Erie area. The subject property was built for the Wintemutes, a prominent local family recognized for their wartime contributions. Philip Wintemute and his wife Mary arrived in Niagara in 1778 with their family. All of their six sons served in the Butler's Rangers. Abraham Wintemute, a son of Phillip and Mary Wintemute, petitioned King George III for land due to him and his family for service during the American Revolution in 1786 and went on to occupy the subject property, and remained in the Wintemute family ownership for over a century. Historically, the house exhibited a significant amount of ornate detail as expressed in the fine woodwork, the chimneys and overall craftsmanship, reinforcing the prominence and wealth that the Wintemute family displayed to the community. The family's significance to the community is further reinforced by the naming of nearby "Wintemute Street".

487 Niagara Boulevard has contextual value because it is historically linked to its surroundings. The property is adjacent to a building that was built as a store for John Wintemute, Abraham's brother, the structure can be seen in the only existing historic photo of the subject house. 487 Niagara Blvd. is further linked historically linked to its surroundings through the nearby street named for the family: "Wintemute Street".

Description of Heritage Attributes

Key elements that contribute to the heritage value of 487 Niagara Boulevard include:

- Form of the 1792-built house
- Prominent location adjacent to the Niagara River, fronting onto the River Road now Niagara Boulevard
- Proximity to "Wintemute Street"

A more detailed description of the property's cultural heritage value or interest may be found in Council Report PDS-36-2024 dated July 8th, 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 decide 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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