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TOWN OF NIAGARA-ON-THE-LAKE

HISTORICAL AND ARCHITECTURAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

INFORMATION REPORT

TO

COUNCIL OF NIAGARA-ON-THE-LAKE

Prepared by Niagara-on-the-Lake
- planning department -

TO: Lord Mayor J.P. Froese and
Members of the Niagara-on-the-Lake Council

Enclosed are copies of "Notices of Intention to Designate" concerning the 13 Public and Institutional buildings within the Town of Niagara-on-the-Lake. These buildings are recommended for designation under Bill 176 (Ontario Heritage Act) by the Town of Niagara-on-the-Lake's Historical and Architectural Advisory Committee.

The "Notices of Intention" have to be published in a paper with general circulation for three consecutive weeks with notice also served on the owner of the property, and the Ontario Heritage Foundation.

Included in the "Notices of Intention" is a Short Statement of Reasons for the Proposed Designation. The short statement of reasons is brief for publication reasons and mentions the historic and architectural significance of the buildings proposed for designation.

When the "Notices of Intention" have been served and no objections received after the three week period, a by-law to designate is drawn up for Council's consideration.

Also enclosed in this information package is the new format for the "Designation Package" that is sent to all property owners whose building is being considered by the Committee for designation. In this "Designation Package" is a brief covering letter explaining Bill 176; the intentions of the Committee and an agreement form that is to be signed by the owner of the property allowing members of the Committee to inspect the premises. The Agreement also offers assistance by the Town in procuring deed descriptions of the property and assessing pertinent historic and architectural facts where possible.

I trust this "information report" will aid Council in understanding the complex designation process of the Ontario Heritage Act. If I can be of any further assistance please feel free to contact the Planning Department at any time.

Yours very truly,

G.A. Hynde,
Planner

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IN THE MATTER OF THE ONTARIO HERITAGE ACT 1974 S.O. CHAPTER 122

AND IN THE MATTER OF LANDS AND PREMISES KNOWN MUNICIPALLY AS
Part of Military Reserve - BYRON STREET -
IN THE TOWN OF NIAGARA-ON-THE-LAKE IN THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO DESIGNATE

Take notice that the Council of the Corporation of the Town of NIAGARA-ON-THE-LAKE on the 29th day of January, 1976 decided to designate the lands and buildings, known municipally as Part of Military Reserve - BYRON STREET - as a property of architectural and historical interest and value under the Ontario Heritage Act S.O. Chapter 122.

Short Statement of the Reasons for the Proposed Designation

Fort George built circa 1795 is recommended for designation for architectural and historical reasons. Utilized in the War of 1812 as a major defense installation for Upper Canada, the Fort was rebuilt in 1815, later falling into ruins by 1835. It was finally reconstructed from 1937 - 1940 by the Province of Ontario as a Military Museum and display. The accompanying property holds many pre 1850 artifacts and archaeological diggings are still taking place on the property to uncover more of the history of the period. The Fort itself is an intricate component of the unique Townscape of Niagara-on-the-Lake.

Notice of objection to the designation may be served on the Clerk within thirty days of February 5th, 1976.

Dated at Niagara-on-the-Lake this 5th day of February, 1976.

Clerk