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**RE: Notice of Intention to Designate Nine (9) Properties within the Town of Essex  
under Section 29 of the Ontario Heritage Act**

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At their regular meeting on Monday August 12, the Council for the Corporation of the Town of Essex issued a Notice of Intention to Designate nine (9) properties under section 29 of the Ontario Heritage Act. The following is a list of those properties:

1. 21 King Street East (Harrow)
2. 22 King Street West (Harrow)
3. 94 Talbot Street South (Essex Centre)
4. 98 Talbot Street South (Essex Centre)
5. 102 Talbot Street South (Essex Centre)
6. 314 Queen Street (Harrow)
7. 400 County Road 13 (Colchester)
8. Ferriss Cemetery (0 Ferriss Road, Harrow)
9. Gilgal Cemetery (0 County Road 11, Harrow)

Statements of Cultural Heritage Value and Interest for each property has been attached.

**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 **September 30, 2024**. The Notice of Objection must set out the reasons for the objection and all relevant facts.

Yours truly,

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## **APPENDIX A**

The former International Order of Oddfellows (I.O.O.F) Building

### **Municipal Address**

22 King Street West, Harrow

### **Legal Description**

PLAN 180 PT LOT 1

### **General Description of Property**

The Independent Order of Odd Fellows (I.O.O.F) Building is located at 22 King Street West, on the northwest corner of King and Queen Street. It is comprised of the former I.O.O.F. building: a large, two-storey, red brick building.

### **Description of Property that has Cultural Heritage Value or Interest**

The area of the property that demonstrates cultural heritage value or interest is the two-storey, red brick commercial building built in 1915.

### **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.*

22 King Street West retains significant historical value because it has direct associations with an organization that is significant to a community, specifically the I.O.O.F. Harrow branch #309. The Independent Order of Odd Fellows (I.O.O.F.) is a fraternal organization that came out of the Order of Oddfellows in the early 19<sup>th</sup> century, however the organization's practices date back to the early 18<sup>th</sup> century. The I.O.O.F. Harrow branch #309 was founded in the early 1880's and officially received their charter on May 15<sup>th</sup>, 1894. They first met in the Foresters Hall building and had the building dedicated on November 21<sup>st</sup>, 1894. However, they would be forced to relocate soon after due to a fire that destroyed the building and moved to a building on the Drummond block. They later moved to a Baptist Church on Queen Street.

The buildings on the corner of King and Queen Street burnt down in the early 1900's and the lot remained vacant for 10 years. In 1912, the Harrow I.O.O.F. worked to purchase the property from C. I. Pastorious, due to their civic pride and desire to maintain the character of Harrow's downtown. They instituted a Labour Day Celebration with a parade and different sporting events to raise funds and they were able to purchase the property on August 31<sup>st</sup>, 1912, for \$1,500. Construction on the building began in 1915 and was completed in 1916. The Harrow I.O.O.F. officially moved into their new lodge in June 1916 and had the building dedicated on February 12<sup>th</sup>, 1917. They used the building until it was sold in 1989/1990.

Many influential members of the Harrow community were members of the I.O.O.F., such as E. F. Darby, the first mayor of Harrow. They worked to maintain the character of Harrow and bring various opportunities to the community through fundraising and community building.

*The property has historical value or associative value because it demonstrates or reflects the work or ideas of an architect, artist, builder, designer or theorist who is significant to a community.*

22 King Street West retains significant historical and associative value because it reflects the work of Kingsville architect, Thomas Jenner, who designed the building in September 1912. Thomas Jenner is an architect and building contractor who worked primarily in Kingsville and Harrow, designing a few buildings in each community.

Jenner was responsible for designing buildings such as the Harrow Methodist Church, now known as the Harrow United Church. This building is a great example of his work, as it showcases his attention to detail and is largely reflective of Harrow's downtown core.

### **Contextual**

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

22 King Street West retains contextual value because it is important in defining, maintaining, and supporting the character of Harrow's downtown and commercial district through its architectural style and building materials. Downtown Harrow includes several buildings which are the earliest blocks of Harrow district, that were all

constructed in a 19<sup>th</sup> century commercial architectural style and out of the same building materials and red brick.

### **Description of Heritage Attributes**

The key heritage attributes that contribute to the historical/associative value of 22 King Street West includes:

- The buildings' location at the corner of King and Queen Street within the commercial district of Harrow,
- The mass, form, and style of the commercial building,
- The red brick cladding on all elevations of the building,
- Decorative white brick cladding on all elevations of the building,
- All existing window and door openings and the decorative features around them,
- The existing roof line,
- The inset decorative stone reading "I.O.O.F."

The key heritage attributes that contribute to the contextual value of 22 King Street West includes:

- The buildings' location at the corner of King and Queen Street within the commercial district of Harrow.