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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**

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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Where you belong

APPENDIX A

Klie Farm

Municipal Address

400 County Road 13, Colchester

Legal Description

CON 1 PT LOTS 66 AND 67 RP 12R20437 PART 2

General Description of Property

400 County Road 13 is located on the eastern side of County Road 13 east of the Hamlet of Colchester. It is comprised of a large, red brick farmhouse that was built in 1889 in a Victorian architectural style.

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 encompasses the entirety of the farmhouse.

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.

400 County Road 13 retains significant design or physical value because it is representative of a late 19th century Victorian-era farmhouse that was popular throughout Ontario. Built in 1889 by Henry and Albert Klie, the farmhouse uses materials from the surrounding areas and elements from several Victorian architectural styles in its construction. Alongside this, the farmhouse showcases elements that are typically seen in late-Georgian architectural style.

These styles are characterized by the large decorative verandah porch, the decorative corbels and gables, the roof line and peaks, the shape of the shuttered windows, the central chimney, and the use of red brick. The house at 400 County Road 13 showcases many of these features.

The property has design value or physical value because it displays a high degree of craftsmanship or artistic merit.

400 County Road 13 retains significant design or physical value because it displays a high degree of craftsmanship, as seen in the construction of the house by Henry and Albert Klie in 1889. This high degree of craftsmanship is seen throughout the farmhouse at 400 County Road 13, but it is best seen in the laying of the red brick cladding, the decorative verandah porch, the decorative corbels and gables of the roof, and in the overall size of the house.

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.

400 County Road 13 retains significant historical or associative value because it is directly associated with the Klie Family, specifically Henry Sr., Henry Jr., and Albert Klie. The Klie family has a long history within the Hamlet of Colchester, largely impacting the development of the community and the surrounding areas.

Henry Klie (the father) emigrated to Canada from Germany in 1855, with his parents and his wife, Louisa Klie. They originally settled on a 200-acre tract near the New Canaan Settlement and worked on making the land farmable. They would move to Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan three (3) years later and would stay there until the eruption of the American Civil War in 1861. They would return to Essex County seeking employment opportunities, briefly settling in Walkerville where Henry would temporarily work for Hiram Walker. In 1870, they would rent the Asa Wilcox Farm in Colchester South along the lakefront and live there until they purchased the former Peter Knapp Farm in 1880 for \$6,500.

Henry and his sons, Henry and Albert Klie, would turn their attention to developing the farm into the best property of its kind in the county. His sons, Henry and Albert would largely operate the farm, fully taking over the operation after their father's death on March 18th, 1884. They would operate the farm together until 1901 or 1902, when Albert would buy his brother out of the farm for \$4,300. The area around the farm was locally known as Klie's Corners and the lakefront of their property would be later known as Klie's Beach.

Contextual Value

The property has contextual value because it is a landmark.

400 County Road 13 retains contextual value because it serves as a well-known marker within the community due to its location at the intersection of County Road 13 and County Road 50 East. The house serves as a marker within the community, helping to indicate when someone enters or exits the Hamlet of Colchester.

Description of Heritage Attributes

The key heritage attributes that contribute to the design/physical value of 400 County Road 13, includes:

- The mass, form, and style of the building,
- The red brick cladding on all elevations of the building,
- The large white verandah porch,
- The existing roof line and peaks,
- All existing window openings and shutters,
- All existing door openings,
- The decorative pillars on the porch,
- The decorative corbels and gables throughout the building,
- The central chimney.

The key heritage attributes that contribute to the historical/associative value of 400 County Road 13, includes:

- The building's location on the eastern side of County Road 13.

The key heritage attributes that contribute to the contextual value of 400 County Road 13, includes:

- The building's location on the eastern side of County Road 13.