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REGISTRY

Via Registered Mail

February 29, 2016

**IN THE MATTER OF THE ONTARIO HERITAGE ACT, 1990, R.S.O. CHAPTER 18,
SECTION 29 (3).**

AND IN THE MATTER OF THE LANDS AND PREMISES known as 35 River Street, Sutton West (St. James Parish Hall), Georgina.

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO DESIGNATE

To: The Ontario Heritage Trust
10 Adelaide Street East
Toronto ON M5C 1J3

TAKE NOTICE that the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Georgina intends to designate the following property, including land and building, as a property of cultural value or interest under Part IV, section 29, of the Ontario Heritage Act, R.S.O. 1990, Chapter O. 18, as amended.

The St. James Parish Hall
PT LOT D, BLOCK 51, PLAN 69
35 River Street,
Sutton West, ON L0E 1R0

Reasons for Proposed Designation

Contextual Value

The St. James Parish Hall, 35 River Street, Sutton West, was built in 1842 as the first school house in Sutton. This building is one of the few remaining examples of pre-confederation buildings. For over a century and a half it has stood on the same lot and its surrounding green. The building was originally used as; Sutton's town hall, first public school house, and for church services until 1858 when the St. James Church was completed

Design or Physical Value

Architecturally St. Parish James Hall is pre-confederation. The building is a simple classic style with standard proportions as was the custom for early school houses and town hall meeting places of that era.

The following elements of the structure are considered integral to its cultural heritage value or interest:

- The proportions and classical style of the building
- The windows - size, proportion, number, location, type of glass used in the building
- The style of wood - clapboard on the building
- The door and window openings of the building
- The roof pitch, cornice, and open slat vent of the building

Historical or Associative Value

For more than one hundred and fifty-five years, St. James Parish Hall was central to town life for education, religion, politics and recreation. It was centrally located in Sutton West on a green near the market area, aside the mill and set in the midst of the old residential area of the village.

The archaeological potential of this site is a rarity in Ontario and represents an undisturbed context of Pre-Confederation life. According to the Ministry of Tourism and Culture's Standards and Guidelines for Consulting Archaeologists (2011), St. James Parish Hall has potential for being a significant archaeological resource.

Notice of Objection

Any person who objects to the proposed designation shall, within 30 days after the publication of this notice, serve on the Town Clerk of the Town of Georgina, a Notice of Objection setting out the reason for the objection and all relevant facts. The last day to appeal the designation is April 1, 2016. Service may be made by delivery personal to the Town Clerk or by Regular Mail at the following address:

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cc: Patricia Nash, Deputy Clerk
John Hart, Town Solicitor
Harold Lenters, Director of Planning, Town of Georgina