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NOTICE OF INTENTION TO DESIGNATE

5-11 Main Street East, Grimsby, ON

ONTARIO HERITAGE TRUST

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TAKE NOTICE that Grimsby Town Council, on September 16, 2013 resolved to issue a Notice of Intention to Designate LT 322, Corporation Plan 4; S/T RO451938 ; GRIMSBY municipally known as 5-11 Main Street East under Section 29 of the Ontario Heritage Act, R.S.O. 1990, c. 18, as a property of cultural heritage value or interest.

Description of Property

The subject property is located on the north side of Main Street East. The property has the original brick building and includes the addresses 5-11 Main Street East. The building supports commercial uses on the lower level and residential uses on the upper level.

Statement of Cultural Heritage Value or Interest

The building at 5-11 Main Street East has design and physical value in the historic character of the building. The physical value lies in the heritage red pressed brick with the Running Bond pattern and Victorian Era design that incorporates the end gable roof and double chimneys and contributes to the vernacular of the Town of Grimsby. The Keystone, voussoirs, and chiselled window sills enhance the decorative value of the building and compliment buildings of the same dates (circa 1895-1905) that populate the downtown commercial core of Grimsby. Also, the decorative brackets under the first and second storey cornices add aesthetic value, and the carved rosettes or medallions add a historical element of design and quality to the Whittaker Block.

The building at 5-11 Main Street East has historical and associative value for the individuals correlating to its history. One of the most recognizable figures is Charles T. Farrell, married into the Whittaker Family, a Mayor, and of course a Lodge Master. Born in Grimsby in 1870 he was also a shoe merchant like Samuel Whittaker. C.T. Farrell was also the Reeve of the Town of Grimsby from 1917-1920 and was the Mayor for 1922 and 1923.

The Whittaker Block was also the meeting place of the Masonic Lodge, which adds another layer of historical and associative value to the building as the Masons have been a fundamental part of the community of Grimsby, and, the development of our Ontario history as well. There is also the political aspect of the Mayor of Grimsby to consider, and the associative value of prominent citizens who worked or supported the Whittaker, Farrell, Robinson, Robertson, Farrow, and Wells families in 5-11 Main Street East.

The building at 5-11 Main Street East has contextual value for the wider connections to the Village and Town of Grimsby. This building is surmised to have been built before or around c. 1914, which makes it a testament to commercial development in Southern Ontario in the pre-war era. Architecturally, it connects to other small town centres of trade and commerce, and links Grimsby to the broader history of Ontario in the early twentieth century.



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HERITAGE ATTRIBUTES TO BE DESIGNATED

The following architectural attributes have been determined to contribute to the heritage value of the building and constitute part of the *Statement of Cultural Heritage Value or Interest* for 5-11 Main Street East:

- The original red pressed brickwork of the second storey (Running Bond pattern)
- Brick columns
- Cornice on both the first and second storey.
- Decorative brackets with rosette or medallion carved details
- Stone window sills
- Keystone, Voussoirs and decorative End Stones (Limestone or Sandstone)
- Transom Window over the apartment door of #9 Main Street East
- End gable roof pattern
- The two brick chimneys

OBJECTIONS

Any objection to this designation must be filed no later than November 1, 2013. Objections should be directed to Hazel Soady-Easton, Town Clerk, P.O. Box 159, 160 Livingston Avenue, Grimsby ON, L3M 4G3.

MORE INFORMATION

Any inquiries may be directed to Janice Hogg, Planner I at 905-945-9634 ext 2109 or by email jhogg@grimsby.ca

Last date to file Notice of Objection: November 1, 2013

Hazel Soady-Easton, Town Clerk