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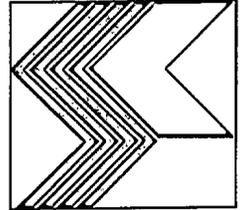
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May 20, 1997

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To Whomever This May Concern,

Re: Intention to Designation
the former Lake Street Fire Hall
113 Lake Street
under the Ontario Heritage Act
File No. 10.64.160

Please be advised that City Council at its regular meeting of May 12, 1997 resolved its intention to designate the above noted lands under the Ontario Heritage Act.

In giving notice pursuant to the provision of the Ontario Heritage Act, I am enclosing a copy of a notice which is to be published in the St. Catharines Standard on May 31, 1997.

Subsequent to the 30 day appeal period required by the Ontario Heritage Act, provided no appeals are filed City Council will enact a by-law designating the property as being of historic or architectural value and interest.

Please contact me at 688-5600, extension 1710 if you have any questions.

Yours truly,

Kevin Blozowski,
Secretary-Treasurer,
St. Catharines Heritage Committee

c.c A. Poulin, City Solicitor
K. Todd, City Clerk

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NOTICE OF INTENTION TO DESIGNATE

TAKE NOTICE THAT The Council of the Corporation of the City of St. Catharines intends to designate property to be of historical or architectural value and interest under the Ontario Heritage Act, R.S.O. 1990, Chapter 0.18, as follows:

Former Lake Street Fire Hall

Located at 113 Lake Street on the south-west corner of Albert Street and Lake Street in the City of St. Catharines in the Regional Municipality of Niagara, formerly in the County of Lincoln, being Part of Lot 1, Plan 9.

The following is a short statement of the reasons for the proposed designation:

Historical Significance

The former Lake Street Fire Hall is one of the oldest remnant fire halls extant in the City of St. Catharines. It was opened on December 15, 1913 by Mayor Dr. William H. Merritt and presented to the Fire Department. With amalgamation in 1961, the fire hall closed in order to allow a larger, more modern facility to be built. It is interesting to notice that the building was constructed to accommodate a horse drawn hosewagon (illustrated in the frieze on the facade), but by 1920 a four-cylinder Reo fire truck was being used. The Reo fire truck was built in St. Catharines.

Architectural Significance

The former Lake Street fire hall is constructed of steel and masonry in the Neo Tudor Style. The architect was Thomas Wiley, whose work is considered important locally (Mr. Wiley also designed the Davella Mills Carillon in Victoria Lawn Cemetery, among other buildings). Architectural features include: a traditional red brick facade laid in Flemish bond pattern; elaborate decorative painted wood cornice and frieze; original wood windows; decorative, rare circle mullion bars in windows; original stone fire hall signs over two doors; stone carving set in entablature over main door showing fire carriage being pulled by horses; stone plaques set in masonry showing fire fighting crest.

Contextual Significance

The building is considered an important landmark in the neighbourhood and a visual 'anchor' at this corner.

Notice of Objection to the designation may be served on the Clerk of the City of St. Catharines within 30 days after the date of publication of this notice of intention in a newspaper having general circulation in the Municipality.

For further details about the proposed designation, please contact Kevin Blozowski, at 688-5600, extension 1710.

Date at St. Catharines this _____ day of _____, 1997

Kenneth R. Todd, Director of Corporate Support Services/Clerk's Division