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IN THE MATTER OF THE ONTARIO HERITAGE ACT,
R.S.O., 1990, CHAPTER 0.18
AND IN THE MATTER OF THE PROPERTY KNOWN AS
134 DUBLIN STREET NORTH
IN THE CITY OF GUELPH,
IN THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO.

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO DESIGNATE

TO: Ontario Heritage Foundation
The Ontario Heritage Centre
10 Adelaide Street East
Toronto, Ontario
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AND: [REDACTED]
134 Dublin Street North
Guelph, Ontario
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TAKE NOTICE THAT the Council of the Corporation of the City of Guelph intends to designate portions of 134 Dublin Street North as a building of architectural and historical value and interest under Part IV of The Ontario Heritage Act, R.S.O. 1990, Chapter 0.18.

STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR DESIGNATION

ROSE BANK
(134 Dublin Street North)

This two storey limestone dwelling was constructed circa 1872 by local builder Alexander Bruce as his residence. A native of Scotland, Bruce came to Canada in 1836 with his father, George Bruce Senior, and brother, Captain George Bruce Junior, who, as partners, operated their carpentry and contracting business from their nearby shop on Oxford Street (later converted into the two unit dwelling known as 39-41 Oxford Street). Upon the retirement of their father, Alexander and George entered into partnership and carried on the business until about 1880, when the partnership was dissolved and Alexander's son George R. Bruce, a well-known architect/builder, joined his father in the firm. The Bruce family have been identified with the erection of many important public buildings in Guelph, including the First Baptist, Knox and Chalmers Churches, as well as many fine private residences.

The house features a second floor Gothic window and two bay windows on the first floor. The main entrance is highlighted by a transom and sidelights of red, etched glass denoting the dwelling's original name, "Rose Bank". Later additions include the front porch and balcony and the rear, two storey stone section, both likely constructed in the early 1900s.

Alexander Bruce retained ownership of the property until his death in 1894, followed by son George R. and family until 1903. Other owners included banker/real estate agent John M. Duff (1915 to 1920) and dentist Garnet B. Tovell (1922 to 1967), followed by former U.S. diplomat John F. Melby, first Chair of the University of Guelph's Political Studies Department, and his wife Roxana. The owners in 1994, [REDACTED] and [REDACTED], are working towards restoring many of the interior and exterior features of the house.

The designation covers all exterior stone walls, all window and exterior door openings and the roofline, including the chimneys, but with certain exceptions as more particularly described on Schedule "C" of the designating by-law. All original windows and window frames, including the two bay windows and Gothic window at the front and the transom and sidelights at the main front entrance, are designated. Also included in the designation is the front porch and second floor balcony, allowing for existing elements of the porch to be returned to a more original, documented design. Inside, the complete wooden staircase and original wood mouldings on the first floor are designated. ✓

Any person may, before the 7th of November 1994, send by registered mail or deliver to the Clerk of the City of Guelph, notice of objection to this proposed designation, together with a statement of reasons for the objection and all relevant factors. If a notice of objection is received, the Council of the City of Guelph shall refer the matter to the Conservation Review Board for a hearing.

DATED at Guelph, Ontario, this 7th day of October, 1994.

Lois Giles
City Clerk
City Hall
59 Carden Street
Guelph, Ontario
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