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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
THE NORWICH STREET BRIDGE
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
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AND: Ray Funnell
Director of Works
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59 Carden Street
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TAKE NOTICE THAT the Council of the Corporation of the City of Guelph intends to designate portions of The Norwich Street Bridge as a structure 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

This steel and iron bridge was built in 1882 by the Hamilton Bridge Company at a cost of just over \$1,000 to City Council, who commissioned the work. A bridge spanned the Speed River at this location as early as 1860 and was known first as "the Wellington Foundry Bridge" and later "the Inglis-Hunter Bridge" because of its close proximity to one of the very early industries in Guelph, established circa 1860 on the easterly bank of the river. The bridge became an important link in the movement of materials across the river, serving the needs of the many foundries and mills which occupied this area in the mid-1800s, and the choice of iron over the more traditional and less expensive wooden bridge reflects the growing industrialization of the community. Today, this single span bridge acts as a gateway to the residential area on the east side of the Speed River and serves as a connecting link between the east and west sides of what is now known as the Goldie Mill Neighbourhood. The bridge is the only surviving example of several iron and steel bridges which once existed in Guelph, and is important as a distinctive heritage feature of the riverscape in this area.

The designation applies to the entire steel and iron bridge structure, including the date plates.

Any person may, before the 15th day of May, 1998, 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 15th day of April, 1998.

Lois Giles
City Clerk
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