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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

67-71 WYNDHAM STREET NORTH

IN THE CITY OF GUELPH,
IN THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO.

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO DESIGNATE

TO: Ontario Heritage Trust
The Ontario Heritage Centre
10 Adelaide St. East
Toronto, ON M5C 1J3

AND: [REDACTED]
24 Homestead Drive
RR#1
Maryhill, ON
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TAKE NOTICE THAT the Council of The Corporation of the City of Guelph is intending to designate portions of the property known as 67-71 Wyndham Street North, originally known as the Victoria Hotel as being of cultural heritage value or interest under Part IV of The Ontario Heritage Act, R.S.O. 1990, Chapter 0.18.

LOCATION:

The Victoria Hotel, located at 67-71 Wyndham Street North is situated on the north-east corner of St. George's Square at the intersection of Douglas, Quebec and Wyndham Streets, in the City of Guelph. The property consists of a three-storey limestone commercial building that occupies the southern half of the property and is surrounded by the Gummer building to the north and the CIBC bank building to the south.

WHY THE PROPERTY IS BEING DESIGNATED:

Built in stages from the late 1850s reaching its final form in 1877, the Victoria Hotel is one of the oldest stone commercial buildings left on St. George's Square.

Built of locally quarried stone, the building comprised the southern half of the property only, and was two stories tall with a gabled roof (ridge parallel to the street). Historical photographs capture the hotel as it existed in the 1860s as a two-storey front façade with a full-length front porch. In 1877 the third floor was added and finished with a flat roof sloped to the rear.

During the 19th century, the Victoria Hotel was operated by Dennis Coffee (1860s), Dan Heffernan (1870s), Thomas Ward (1880s), and John Hogan (1890s). In the 20th century, the upper floors of the building functioned as apartments and office space, maintaining a commercial use on the ground floor.

The building was severely damaged by fire in the spring of 2007. Only the street-facing façade survived. The evolution of the structure was uncovered during the clean-up of the fire damage, revealing earlier roof forms and party-wall configurations.

To be designated is the masonry and cornice of the front façade, including the original storefront and window openings. The façade at 67-71 Wyndham Street North is an excellent surviving example of 19th century stone commercial architecture on Guelph's central square.

Further information respecting the proposed designation is available by contacting:

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Any person may, before the 11th day of August, 2007, send by registered mail or deliver to the Clerk of the City of Guelph, a notice of objection to this proposed designation, setting out the reason for the objection and all relevant facts. 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 9th day of July, 2007.



Tina Agnello,
Deputy City Clerk
City Hall, 59 Carden St.
Guelph, Ontario
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