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September 18th, 2013

Ontario Heritage Trust
10 Adelaide Street East
Toronto, Ontario M5C 1J3

Dear Sir/Madam:

Attached please find the Notice of Intention to Designate The Leckie Block in Brussels.

A Notice of Intention will be placed in the Brussels newspaper, The North Huron Citizen, in the September 25th, 2013 issue. The 30-day time frame in which any person may file a notice of objection to the designation ends on October 25th, 2013. If no objections are filed with the Municipality of Huron East, the by-law to designate the property will be considered at the November 5th, 2013 meeting of Huron East Council.

The notice of intention can also be found on the Huron East website at www.huroneast.com.

Yours truly,

Cathy Garrick, Secretary
Huron East Heritage Committee

Encl.

c.c. Ainleyville Properties, PO Box 9, Brussels, Ontario N0G 1H0
Heritage file
Property file 4040-440-008-00800

THE MUNICIPALITY OF HURON EAST
NOTICE OF INTENTION
TO DESIGNATE A PROPERTY OF CULTURAL HERITAGE VALUE OR INTEREST
UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF SECTION 29
PART IV OF THE ONTARIO HERITAGE ACT, R.S.O. 1990 AS AMENDED

THE LECKIE BLOCK

1. Property Description:

435-441 Turnberry Street
Brussels, Ontario N0G 1H0
Part Lot 98 and Part Lot 99, Plan 192
Roll # 4040-440-008-008-0000
PIN – 41344-0094

The Leckie Block, located at 435-441 Turnberry Street, is situated on the northwest side of Turnberry Street, north of King Street in the Village of Brussels. The property consists of a two-story stone and brick building that was constructed in 1876.

2. Statement of Cultural Heritage Value or Interest

Historical or Associative Value:

The Leckie Block is associated with Mr. John Leckie, a man with a diverse business fostered by the Village of Brussels. Leckie was involved in the selling of produce and land development. His success allowed him to construct what is now referred to as The Leckie Block in 1876. This block has housed many businesses over the years including banks, drug stores and a book emporium. Renovations undertaken by Standard Bank during 1909-1910 altered the appearance of the block and included the addition of the stone façade and plate glass windows. John Leckie would later sell the block to Frank R. Smith.

Design or Physical Value:

The Leckie Block is a good representative of the Italianate style of architecture. The building is clad in stone on the first storey and yellow brick on the second storey. Typical of this style are the decorative brackets that support the large overhanging eaves. The second storey displays segmentally arched two over two windows with decorative stone drip moulds and simple stone lug sills. The roofline houses a brick parapet with decorative details and a wooden frieze.

Contextual Value:

Located on the Village of Brussels' main street, Turnberry Street, The Leckie Block's architecture blends in with the surrounding buildings. The first floor stone façade creates a sense of importance and grandeur in relation to neighbouring buildings while the second storey yellow brick unites it among the rest of the block. There is an adjacent green space placed between the Leckie Block and a neighbouring building that provides a sense of place and enclosure.

3. Description of Heritage Attributes

Key attributes of the Leckie Block that reflect its value associated with John Leckie, as a good representative of the Italianate style of architecture and its contribution to its surroundings include its:

- Two storey construction
- Symmetrical massing with five bays
- Stone cladding on the first storey with yellow-brick on the second storey

THE LECKIE BLOCK
435-441 Turnberry Street, Brussels Ontario

- Decorative brackets support the large overhanging eaves.
- Second story symmetrical fenestration with two over two windows
- Drip moulds and lug sills
- Decorative brick parapet
- Wooden frieze

At 439 Turnberry Street

- Blue stained glass windows are original to the building
- Vaulted ceiling in the old vault
- Original archway in the middle of the space and arched brick work

At 435 Turnberry Street

- Tin ceiling and bank vault door
- Alarm bell between the two windows on the second storey

