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July 30, 1985

Ontario Heritage Foundation
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Dear Sirs:

Please be advised that the designation of "The Former Seaforth Public School" is currently underway. Copy of notice of intention attached.

Yours truly,

Luanne Phair, B.A., A.M.C.T.(A)
Deputy-Clerk

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In the matter of the Ontario Heritage Act
R.S.O. 1980 Chapter 337
Notice of Intention to Designate

TO: Citizens of Seaforth
Dedi-care Centres Ontario Ltd.
Ontario Heritage Foundation

Take notice that the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Seaforth, on the 9th day of July 1985 decided to designate the lands and buildings known municipally as "The Former Seaforth Public School", Church Street, as a property of architectural and historical value or interest under The Heritage Act, R.S.O. 1980, Chapter 337.

Short Statement of the Réasons for the Proposed Designation

Significant historical and architectural features are as follows:

Built in 1867, the Seaforth Public School at the corner of Church and James Streets was the first brick public building to be erected by the Municipality and served the community until 1953.

This two storey symmetrical T-plan building has coursed field stone foundations, Flemish bond buff brick walls and a medium-pitched gable roof with narrow cornice and plain fascia.

The nine-bay front elevation is articulated by an advanced gabled frontispiece on which is superimposed a three-storey projecting bay that establishes a strong centre axis through its double doors with high transom, "Palladian" window; louvered attic opening and pedimented roof. Ground floor fenestration was originally six-over-six sash with radiating flat arch voussoirs and wood sills with brick lugs. In the three bays of the rear addition the lower window heads are segmentally arched. All other fenestration is round headed, with red brick voissiors and modified Gibbsian surrounds in raised brick on the prominent elevations.

With the exception of the central bay, all corners of the original block have raised quoins. A projecting belt course circles the block.

This manipulation and exaggeration of Georgian compositional devices reflects a more inventive concern with effects of plasticity and volume typical of the Italianate influence on Canadian architecture. The roundheaded windows, turret-like centre bay, elongated proportions, bold juxtaposition of masses and enlivening of surface textures typify the application of Italianate aesthetics to an essentially conservative Georgian form.

Notice of objection to the designation may be served on the Clerk within 30 days of July 29th, 1985.

Dated at Seaforth, this 29th day of July, 1985.

James Crocker
Clerk