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# TOWN OF FERGUS

"HOME OF THE HIGHLAND GAMES"

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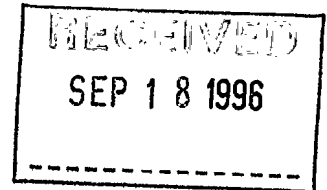
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Ontario Heritage Foundation  
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Dear Sir/Madam:

Take notice that the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Fergus intends to designate the property, including lands and buildings at the following municipal address as property of architectural and/or historical value or interest under Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act.

299 St. Andrew Street West, Fergus, Ontario

## Reasons for Designation

The first Post Office in Fergus occupied the site where the present Post Office was built in 1911, the north-east corner of the intersection of St. Andrew Street West and Tower Street North. Thomas Young was the first Postmaster.

Subsequent to this a Post Office operated at 133 St. Andrew Street West, until the present site was acquired and the building completed.

The Post Office, along with Melville Unite Church, serves to anchor and to give stature to this important intersection in the Town of Fergus.

W. A. Mahoney of the Department of Public Works in Guelph was the architect who prepared the detailed working drawings and supervised the construction of the building.

Mr. Mahoney was also the architect of the Elora Post Office and for both of these buildings used not the standard red brick but Credit Valley sandstone. The two buildings are believed to be the only stone Post Offices of their period extant in Ontario.

The building is two storey, raised on a basement with two major entrances with flat shallow canopies, accessed from St. Andrew Street West by flights of stone steps with cast iron handrails. The windows of the building are large double hung sashes with a fan light and flat arch over each window. This architectural element is used on all windows except the basement and the Clock Tower. The second floor dormer windows pass through a heavy cornice which provides a strong horizontal band as a stop to a relatively steep metal roof.

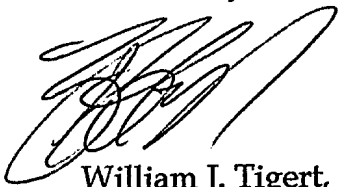
The Clock Tower also has a heavy cornice which is broken by romanesque arched windows, the cornice being taken round the arch.

An addition has been built on the north and east side which has been designed to reflect the window details of the original building, but unfortunately it is not built in the same stone.

Notice of objection to the proposed designation, together with a statement of the reasons for the objection and all relevant facts may be served on the Administrator/Clerk-Treasurer of the Town of Fergus before the 17th of October, 1996.

Dated at Fergus, Ontario this 11th day of September, 1996.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'W. Tigert', with a stylized flourish extending from the end.

William J. Tigert, B. Comm., A.M.C.T.  
Administrator/Clerk-Treasurer

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