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TOWN OF LINCOLN

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NOTICE OF INTENTION TO DESIGNATE

ONTARIO HERITAGE ACT

IN THE MATTER of the Ontario Heritage Act, R.S.O. 1990, Chapter 0.18, and in the matter of lands and premises at the following municipal addresses in the Town of Lincoln, Province of Ontario, and on the advice of the Lincoln LACAC.

TAKE NOTICE that the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Lincoln intends to designate the property, including lands and buildings at the following municipal addresses, as properties of architectural and historical value and interest under Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act, R.S.O. 1990, Chapter 0.18.

1. The Howard House, 4996 Beam Street, Beamsville, Lot 269, C.P. #3, now Town of Lincoln

The property on which the house sits was originally granted by The Crown to Samuel Corwine in 1803. It was sold to Jacob Beam Jr, who in turn sold it in 1847 for Five Pounds a quarter acre, more or less, to the Niagara District Council "In trust for the use of a Common School in and for School Section No. 3 in the Township of Clinton". In subsequent transactions, the property was described as 'the old brick schoolhouse' until 1859 when the school population had increased beyond the one-room capacity. For many years the house was occupied by the Ryckman family until 1935 when it was bought by local merchant Walter Howard, who lived there until 1977. Mr. Howard and his first wife, Olive (who died in 1974) raised three children, Murray, Mariam and Greg in the house. Their son Greg continued to live there until 1988 when the house was sold to the Town of Lincoln. It is currently being used as the Adult Learning & Resource Centre for West Niagara.

Originally built as a school in 1847, the house is supported by a rubblestone foundation and hand-hewn beams. The exterior is composed of red bricks with common 6th course headers, a pitched gable roof, and large double-hung windows topped with segmented bricks and shutters on all sides. Two pairs of smaller windows can be found in both the front and back gables. Inside, there are hardwood floors and some of the original moldings, such as the 6 1/2" wide window sills and 9 1/2" baseboards. A summer kitchen was later added, closing in the back east wall.

2. The Crowe - May House, 2044 King Street, Part Lot 10, Concession 5, former Township of Louth, now Town of Lincoln

The property on which the house sits was originally 100 acres granted by The Crown to John Seager in 1798. The house was built around 1860 by John David Crowe, whose name also appears at this location on an 1874 census map. Mr. Crowe served as Reeve for Louth Township in 1877 and 1878. The property was willed to his son David Crowe and further subdivided. In the early 1900's, the house was sold to the Badgley family, then sold again to Walter and Irene (nee May) Schwenker in 1930. The house, with 7 1/2 acres was sold to in 1996.

The two storey house is built of red bricks in the late-Georgian style, with a combination of flemish bond (lower) and 6th course headers (upper). Further examination would suggest that the home was actually built earlier as a single storey, then raised to two storey, although there are no written accounts of this. Evidence also suggests that there was a front porch (with bell-type roof) on the front. The facade is symmetrically laid out with a double door, surrounded by sidelights and an overhead transom, topped with a brick segmental arch. Surrounding the door are four lower and five upper windows, each double-hung, 6 over 6, with stone lintels at their base, segmented bricks on top, and green shutters. There is a summer kitchen in a south wing to the back, originally of the same period.

The interior features a central foyer, front parlour, and dining room with pine floors and doors throughout. A curved wall houses a maple and cherrywood curved staircase with turned balusters, carved stringer decorations, and an octagonal newel-post base. In the east parlour are unusual interior window casings of fluted and grained pine with paneled bases. The upstairs features grained wood doors and a walk-up attic.

The William D.Kitchen House, 5600 King Street W, Beamsville, Lots 22 and 23, Concession 2, former Clinton Township, now Town of Lincoln

The property on which the house sits was a Crown Grant of 52 acres to a loyalist from New Jersey named William W.Kitchen around 1790. He married Alice Beam and together they had nine children. William and Alice's youngest son, Jacob married Jane Dennis. Their only son, William Dennis Kitchen married Margaret Henry and built the house in 1885 on the bench of the escarpment, just west of Thirty Mile Creek. Purchased by the Longwell family in the 1920's, Doug and Jean Longwell continued to live there until the 1980's. Since 1999, the house has been owned and restored by the Longwell continued to live there until the 1980's. Since 1999, the house has been owned and restored by the Longwell continued to live there until the 1980's.

The house was built in the Queen Anne style with red bricks-running bond at front, common 6th course flemish header at back. There is an impressive turret with square and rounded cedar shingles, topped with a finial on the northeast side, two tall corbeled chimneys, and a hipped roof with flat belvedere. The gables have carved brackets and bargeboard with tall bay windows, all topped with segmental arches and decorative keystones. The front porch has an overhead balcony, and like the side porches, features turned posts, balustrades, spandrels and brackets.

The front interior foyer features a pair of french doors with beveled glass in the upper sash, a glassed-in pocket door, a cherrywood staircase with carved stringer decorations, turned balusters, newel post and cap, corner balustrades and a curved handrail. Throughout the home are grained red pine floors, baseboards, fluted window and door frames with corner rosettes.

4. The Overholdt House, 3150 Culp Road, Jordan, Part Lot 21, Concession 3, now Town of Lincoln

The house was built in 1900 by a wealthy shipping merchant named Moses Overholdt. He and his wife raised a son and daughter in the house which was to become the site of many social gatherings. The property remained in the family with his son Galen maintaining the house until it was sold in 1960 to Sidney R. and Marilyn Pedley, and then again to Joe and Alice Monaghan in 1974. Current owners, bought the house with 3.7 acres in 1995, and have since taken measures to restore it.

Built in the Queen Anne style, the house features a hipped roof with diamond-shingled gables with palladian windows on the sides, a three-storey hexagonal tower protruding from the northwest corner and topped with a finial, a wrap-around veranda with double piers on large bases, a tall corbeled chimney, running-bond red brick with segmented, double-hung windows throughout.

The interior features paneled front and side doors with elaborately etched windows in the upper sash, a pocket sliding door, grained oak door frames and baseboards, pine and oak hardwood floors throughout. In the front foyer, there is a paneled staircase and bench with turned banisters, a newel post and cap. Other features include original wall lamps and a carved mantelpiece with turned balustrades around the fireplace in the west parlour, tongue and groove ceilings and a dumb-waiter in the kitchen, plus original corner hot water rads from the period. The upstairs features a hall cutaway with turned wooden corner-guards, floor-level windows, a walk-up attic, and cathedral ceiling in the turret.

Any person may, within 30 days of the publication of this notice, send or deliver to the Clerk of the Town of Lincoln, notice of his or her objection to the proposed designation, together with a statement of reasons for the objections and all relevant facts.

Dated at the Town of Lincoln this 21st day of March, 2001.

Troy J.McHarg, Clerk
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