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NOTICE OF INTENTION TO DESIGNATE

IN THE MATTER OF THE ONTARIO HERITAGE ACT, 1974, S.O. Chapter 122

AND IN THE MATTER OF THE LAND AND PREMISES KNOWN MUNICIPALLY AS PARTS OF LOT 15, CONCESSION B IN THE VILLAGE OF THAMESVILLE IN THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO



TAKE NOTICE that the Council of the Corporation of the Village of Thamesville intends to designate the property, including land and buildings, known municipally as Parts of Lot 15, Concession B, in the Village of Thamesville as a property of architectural and historical value or interest under part IV of The Ontario Heritage Act, 1974, S.O. Chapter 122.

Reasons for the Proposed Designation

Tecumseh Hall, presently known as the Westover Treatment Centre, was built in the late 1870's for John Ferguson and his wife, Sarah McKinley. John Ferguson's father, James, settled in Howard Township in 1854, having immigrated from Stirlingshire, Scotland in that year. James and his two sons played a central role in the settlement of the area and in the early history of Thamesville, being involved initially in the lumber business and then in banking.

Tecumseh Hall is recommended for designation both for its historical significance and for architectural reasons. Its architecture is eclectic, combining several different styles and forming what has been referred to as the "Nameless Vernacular". The term describes houses built in the late nineteenth century. The different styles are evident in the round tower, complex roof, brickwork detail and gingerbread in the gables. The slate roof is in its original state as is the ornamentation at the top of the tower.

Any person may, before the 21st day of May, 1984 send by registered mail or deliver to the clerk of the Village of Thamesville notice of his or her objection to the proposed designation, together with a statement of the reasons for the objection and all relevant facts. When a Notice of Objection has been received, the Council of the Village of Thamesville will refer the matter to the Conservation Review Board for hearing and report.

Dated at Thamesville this 18th day of April, 1984.

Violet R. Harry (Clerk)  
Village of Thamesville,  
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