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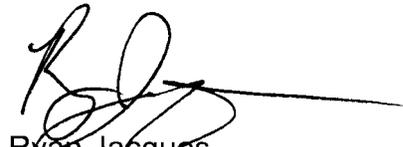
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**Re: Notice of Intent to Designate - 117 Victoria Avenue
Community of Chatham (City), Municipality of Chatham-Kent**

At the November 14, 2011 Council Meeting, Chatham-Kent Council approved the Municipal Heritage Committee's recommendation for the Intent to Designate property located at 117 Victoria Avenue, Community of Chatham, under Part IV of the *Ontario Heritage Act*, for its cultural heritage value and interest.

A copy of the Notice of Intent to Designate is enclosed for your records. The Notice was placed in Chatham-Kent Matters on November 23, 2011, with the last day of filing a Notice of Objection being December 23, 2011.

Sincerely,



Ryan Jacques
Planner

c. Municipal Heritage Committee

In the Matter of the Ontario Heritage Act
Notice of Intent to Designate

The Ontario Heritage Act, R.S.O., 1990, Chapter 0.18 as amended, provides that the Municipal Council may pass a by-law designating property within the boundaries of the municipality to be of cultural heritage value and interest. The Council of the Municipality of Chatham-Kent hereby gives Notice of Intent to designate the following:

Description of Property:

117 Victoria Avenue, Community of Chatham (City), described as Lt. 2, Blk. S, Plan 3, Chatham

Statement of Cultural Heritage Value or Interest:

The Bondy residence is an extremely well preserved example of a stylish upper middle class businessman's residence built c. 1860 when Chatham was beginning to experience significant growth and economic prosperity, at the turning point from a pioneer settlement to a commercial and industrial centre.

Dated at the Municipality of Chatham-Kent this 23rd day of November, 2011.

**117 VICTORIA AVENUE, CHATHAM
DESIGNATION
PREAMBLE**

117 Victoria Avenue in Chatham, presently owned by the Bondy family, is a fairly original (from the outside) early Italianate brick house that stylistically dates to c. 1860 (although registry office data indicates a possible date of 1857).

The exterior brick has been painted at some point. Most of the windows are in their original locations except for the large front window on the Victoria Ave. facade. It would be very unusual for a house of this age and style to have a large bay window. This type of window was more common on later Victorian and early 20th century buildings). Upon close examination, the brick header above this window is different from the other windows and lacks the decorative voussoirs. Likewise, the window sill is a totally different style than that used throughout the rest of the structure. In all likelihood, the front facade would have originally had two tall narrow windows that would have lined up vertically with the second storey window layout in order to retain the Georgian balance that was still prevalent in design in the 1860s. This larger window was likely an "update" from the early 20th century and may have been done at the same time as the front portico that, while blending very well with the house, is, nonetheless from c. 1910 and shows distinct Arts & Crafts style influence. The side porch has likely also been updated since it is decidedly Greek Revival influenced with pillars and dentilated trim. While the present porch fits in nicely with the architecture and looks perfectly appropriate, the original likely would have carried over the use of brackets, bargeboard, and other features more commonly associated with Italianate style and found elsewhere on this house..

The house shows many similarities in design and construction to Gentry Manor. Even the pillars and dentil work used in the presumably updated porch are similar to those at Gentry Manor.