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**Municipality of Chatham-Kent**

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September 21, 2011

Ontario Heritage Trust  
10 Adelaide Street East  
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**Re: Notice of Intent to Designate  
10 1/2 King Street West, Community of Chatham  
Municipality of Chatham-Kent**

At the Council Meeting held September 12, 2011, Chatham-Kent Council approved the Municipal Heritage Committee's recommendation for the Intent to Designate the property, located at 10 1/2 King Street West, in the Community of Chatham, under Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act for its cultural heritage value and interest.

The Notice of Intent to Designate was advertised in Chatham-Kent Matters on Wednesday, September 21, 2011, with the last day for filing a Notice of Objection being Thursday, October 20, 2011, (copy attached).

If no appeals have been received, a By-law to designate the property will be prepared for Council's consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "R. Jacques", written over a horizontal line.

Ryan Jacques  
Acting Development Planner

c Municipal Heritage Committee

Attachment(s)

**Canadian Register of Historic Places Nomination**  
**10½ King Street West, Municipality of Chatham-Kent**

\*any field that appears in grey is mandatory

**Identification**

<b>Historic Place Name</b>	10½ King Street West		
<b>Other Names</b>	<b>#</b>	<b>Type:</b>	<b>Name:</b>
	1	Other	Retro Suites

**Recognition**

<b>Authority:</b>	Local Government (ON)
<b>Recognition Type:</b>	Municipal Heritage Designation Part IV
<b>Recognition Date:</b>	yyyy-mm-dd (To be added after council approval)

## Location

### *Location*

<b>Building Number:</b>	10½
<b>Street Name:</b>	King Street West
<b>Postal Code:</b>	N7M 1C6
<b>Locality:</b>	Chatham
<b>Community:</b>	Municipality of Chatham-Kent
<b>Upper Tier:</b>	n/a

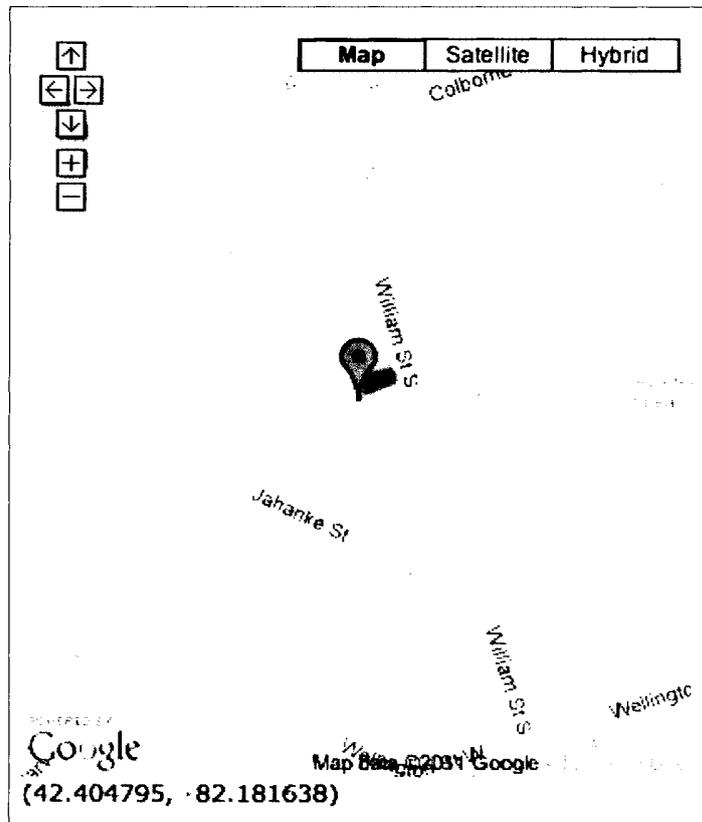
### *Coordinates*

UTM		Latitude/Longitude	
<b>Determination:</b>	n/a	<b>Determination:</b>	Geocoding
<b>Datum:</b>	n/a	<b>Datum:</b>	NAD83
<b>Zone:</b>	n/a	<b>Latitude:</b>	42.404795
<b>Northing:</b>	n/a	<b>Longitude:</b>	-82.181638
<b>Easting:</b>	n/a		
<b>Borden #:</b>	n/a	<b>Borden #:</b>	n/a

### *Boundaries*

<b>Boundary Description:</b>	Part of Lot 81, Old Survey, Municipality of Chatham-Kent.
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### *Map*



## Description

### *Statement of Significance*

<p><b>Description of Historic Place:</b> i.e. Description of Property</p>	<p>10½ King Street West is located on the south side of King Street, West of William Street in the City of Chatham, Municipality of Chatham-Kent. The property consists of a three-storey salmon-brick commercial building that was constructed circa 1880.</p>
<p><b>Heritage Value:</b> i.e. Statement of Cultural Heritage Value or Interest</p>	<p><i>Historical or Associative Value:</i> 10½ King Street West is associated with the commercial history of downtown Chatham. It has housed a variety of business including that of J.W. Bedford.</p> <p><i>Design or Physical Value:</i> 10½ King Street West is an excellent example of 1880s commercial architecture with Italianate influences. Typical of the Italianate style is the symmetrical façade, the cornice with brackets and the polychromatic brick detailing. The commercial architecture is evident in the large first storey shop windows, the flat roof and the tall second and third storeys. The windows are decorated with straight labels on the second storey and pointed labels on the third storey. The windows feature concrete sills on both the second and third storeys and the façade is broken up by four brick pilasters. Later wood and plaster decorative details have been added, including detailing at the base of the pilasters, trim over the windows of the second storey windows and bands above and below the third storey windows. Original documentation shows the presence of a decorative centre pediment on the roofline, however drawings from 1978 do not show the current details indicating that it was likely rebuilt during restoration.</p> <p><i>Contextual Value:</i> King Street is the historic main street of Chatham and the south side has historically been the busier side of the street, housing some of the oldest brick buildings in the City. This area has come to represent the centre of business and the home to many of the area's hostelrys. Throughout the 1850s and 60s, the corner of King and William Streets housed the first Baptist Church and from there along the south side of King to the Market Square was a series of wood frame shops, such as William Northwood's grocery store, the Dublin House and R.O. Smith's furniture store. The corner's historic prominence was enhanced by the nearby industry across McGregor's Creek, including the T.H. Taylor Woollen Mill at 14 William Street North, built in 1869, and the Beaver Flour Mill, built in 1872, but which burnt down in the 1980s.</p> <p>It was not until the 1880s that these buildings at King and William Streets were replaced with the brick structures that exist today and have come to house many of the City's most successful businesses. The structures from the Bates Building at 28-34 William Street South and around the corner to 16 King Street West form a continuous commercial front. Most of these buildings are two or three storeys, therefore maximizing their frontage on the main street. The basements of all the structures on this prominent corner were connected and it was believed that they were used in rum running during the era of prohibition.</p> <p><i>Sources:</i> Chatham Directory, 1876-1877, 1915, 1919. <i>Community on Thames</i>, 1987. <i>Historic King Street, Chatham, Ontario</i>, K. Stoney and C. Naismith, 1978. Municipality of Chatham-Kent Heritage Register Municipality of Chatham-Kent Land Registry Records</p>

	<i>There Was a Time</i> , Jim & Lisa Gilbert. <i>Windfall</i> , 1979.
<b>Character-Defining Elements:</b> i.e. Description of Heritage Attributes	<p>Key exterior elements of 10½ King Street West that contribute to its value as a good example of commercial architecture of the 1880s with Italianate influences include its:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- three storey salmon-brick construction</li> <li>- symmetrical façade</li> <li>- cornice with brackets</li> <li>- polychromatic brick detailing</li> <li>- large first storey shop windows</li> <li>- tall second and third storeys</li> <li>- straight labels on the second storey windows and pointed labels on the third storey windows</li> <li>- concrete sills on the second and third storey windows</li> <li>- four decorative brick pilasters on the façade</li> <li>- later wood and plaster decorative details, including detailing at the base of the pilasters, trim over the windows of the second storey windows and bands above and below the third storey windows</li> <li>- restored centre pediment on the roofline</li> <li>- flat roof</li> </ul> <p>Key elements of 10½ King Street West that support its contextual value include its:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- location near the corner of King and William Streets</li> <li>- proximity to McGregor Creek and commercial businesses in downtown Chatham</li> <li>- forms part of continuous commercial store fronts that stretch from 28-34 William Street South to 16 King Street West</li> </ul>

<b>Contributing Resources</b>		<b>Type:</b>	<b>Count:</b>	
		Building	1	
<b>Area (m<sup>2</sup>)</b>	304			
<b>Dates of Significance</b>	<b>#</b>	<b>Type:</b>	<b>From:</b>	<b>To:</b>
	1	Construction (circa)	1880	1880
<b>BA</b>	<b>#</b>	<b>Type:</b>	<b>Name:</b>	
	1	Architect	n/a	
	2	Builder	n/a	

### *Function Category and Type*

<b>Category and Type</b>	<b>#</b>	<b>Function:</b>	<b>Category:</b>	<b>Type:</b>
	1	Historic	Commerce	Shop or Wholesale Establishment
	2	Current	Commerce	Hotel, Motel or Inn

### *Theme*

<b>Theme Category Type</b>	<b>#</b>	<b>Category:</b>	<b>Type:</b>
	1	Developing Economies	Trade and Commerce

## Images

	<b>Image 1:</b>	<b>Image 2:</b>	<b>Image 3:</b>
<b>File Path:</b>	n/a	n/a	n/a
<b>Image Type:</b>	Contemporary Photograph	Contemporary Photograph	Contemporary Photograph
<b>Caption:</b>	Façade of 10½ King Street West	Detailed View of the Brickwork of 10½ King Street West	Contextual View of 10½ King West
<b>Description:</b>	Featured is the three-storey salmon-brick construction with a symmetrical façade, 2011.	Featured is one of the façade's decorative brick pilasters, 2011.	Northwest view of the row of commercial structures that line King Street West, 2011.
<b>Copyright:</b>	Lindsay Benjamin, 2011.	Lindsay Benjamin, 2011.	Lindsay Benjamin, 2011.
<b>Miscellaneous Info:</b>	n/a	n/a	n/a



Image 1



Image 2



Image 3

## Resources

<b>Location of Documents:</b>	Chatham Cultural Centre 75 William Street North Chatham Ontario N7M 4L4		
<b>Collections:</b>	n/a		
<b>Related Link</b>	<b>URL:</b>	<b>Type:</b>	<b>Description:</b>
	<a href="http://www.chatham-kent.ca">http://www.chatham-kent.ca</a>	Local Government Website	Municipality of Chatham-Kent Website
	<a href="http://retrosuites.com">http://retrosuites.com</a>	Other	Retro Suites Website

## Management

<b>Ownership Type:</b>	Private (Taxable Corporation)
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