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September 21, 2011

Ontario Heritage Trust  
10 Adelaide Street East  
TORONTO ON M5C 1J3

**Re: Notice of Intent to Designate  
325 Wellington 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 325 Wellington 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,



Ryan Jacques  
Acting Development Planner

c Municipal Heritage Committee

Attachment(s)

**Canadian Register of Historic Places Nomination**  
**325 Wellington Street West, Municipality of Chatham-Kent**

\*any field that appears in grey is mandatory

**Identification**

<b>Historic Place Name</b>	325 Wellington Street West		
<b>Other Names</b>	<b>#</b>	<b>Type:</b>	<b>Name:</b>
	1	Other	n/a

**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 passed by council)

## Location

### *Location*

<b>Building Number:</b>	325
<b>Street Name:</b>	Wellington Street West
<b>Postal Code:</b>	N7M 1K2
<b>Locality:</b>	Chatham
<b>Community:</b>	Municipality of Chatham-Kent
<b>Upper Tier:</b>	n/a

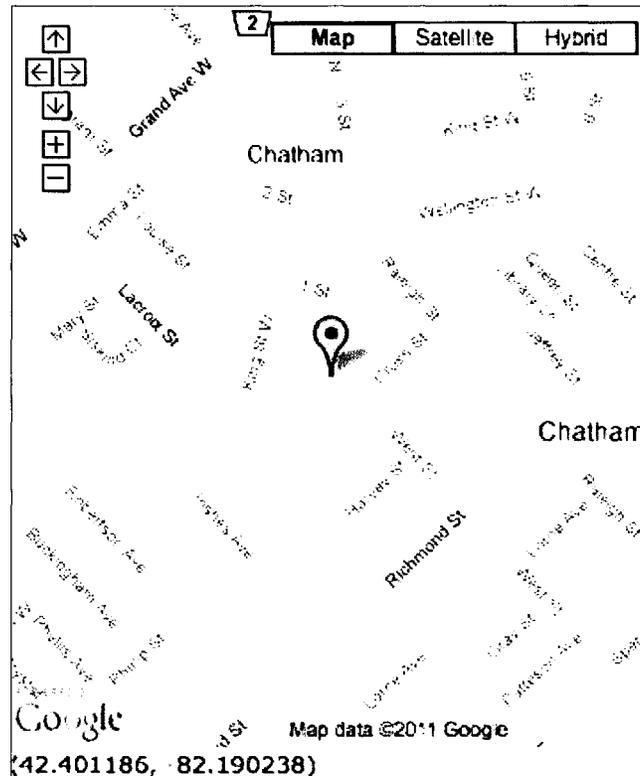
### *Coordinates*

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>	42.401186
<b>Northing:</b>	n/a	<b>Longitude:</b>	-82.190238
<b>Easting:</b>	n/a		
<b>Borden #:</b>	n/a	<b>Borden #:</b>	n/a

### *Boundaries*

<b>Boundary Description:</b>	Old Survey, Part of Lots 107, 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>325 Wellington Street West is located on the west side of Wellington Street West between Lacroix Street and First Street near the terminus of West Street in the City of Chatham, Municipality of Chatham-Kent. This three-storey red-brick residential building was constructed in the 1870s.</p>
<p><b>Heritage Value:</b> i.e. Statement of Cultural Heritage Value or Interest</p>	<p><i>Historical or Associative Value:</i> 325 Wellington Street West is associated with prominent Chatham lawyer, Matthew Wilson. Early in Wilson's career his practice rapidly increased and he became well-known throughout Canada and England, where he was sent in 1893 to argue, successfully, a case before her Majesty's Privy Council. In 1889, when only ten years at the Bar, he was elected a Queen's Counsel. Matthew was especially skilled in municipal law and was noted in the <i>Canada Law Journal of Toronto</i> in 1900 as having perhaps the largest clientele of municipal corporations in the Province. He headed the law firm of Wilson, Pike &amp; Gundy and for 15 years was the City Solicitor for Chatham. It was through this position that he became well-known as, "a man to turn defeat into victory." He was a liberal supporter of educational and church institutions in Canada and abroad. Wilson left a lasting mark on the community of Chatham. His high school, the Chatham Collegiate Institute, still awards the Matthew Wilson Gold Medal for overall academics.</p> <p><i>Design or Physical Value:</i> 325 Wellington Street West is an excellent example of the Queen Anne style of architecture, displaying a high degree of craftsmanship along with a tremendous variety and complexity of detail. This style is the zenith of 19<sup>th</sup> century picturesque. It was created by R.N. Shaw in England and spread through Canada via American architectural magazines. Primarily a residential style, a large number of narrow-lot versions in masonry, such as 325 Wellington Street West, were built in Ontario's larger cities of the era.</p> <p>The structure's complex massing, roof structure and eclectic brick details typify the style. The octagonal tower and gable window are embellished with white painted decorative woodwork, fish scale shingles, dentils and cast iron finials. The fenestration is varied with both small and large paned windows. The stained glass found in some of the windows is rumoured to have been installed by a young artist that the original owners hired from Germany.</p> <p><i>Contextual Value:</i> 325 Welling Street West comprises one of a fine row of Queen Anne homes that line the west side of Wellington Street West. It is surprising that these large homes, which were spaced on an urban scale, do not appear clustered. This is a neighbourhood that is still closely linked with the downtown area and much of its original continuity and grandness is still prevalent.</p> <p><i>Sources:</i> <i>Commemorative Biographical Record of the County of Kent</i>, 1904. Municipality of Chatham-Kent Land Registry Records <i>Well-Preserved</i>, 1992. <i>Windfall</i>, 1979.</p>
<p><b>Character-Defining Elements:</b> i.e. Description of Heritage Attributes</p>	<p><i>Exterior character defining elements that contribute to the value of 325 Wellington Street West include its:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- three-storey red-brick exterior</li> <li>- hipped and broad gabled roofs</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- complex massing</li> <li>- slate shingles</li> <li>- octagonal tower with cast iron finials</li> <li>- painted decorative wooden scroll work in the front gable</li> <li>- tall corbelled brick chimney with small pilasters</li> <li>- band of polychromatic brick under the eaves</li> <li>- wooden decorative dentils</li> <li>- corbelled brick work under the eaves</li> <li>- brick string course</li> <li>- large porch spanning the façade</li> <li>- glazed and panelled double entrance with arched transom</li> <li>- double front doors with half-round transom divided into two lights with small bevelled panes around the edges similar to the lights in the front doors</li> <li>- rusticated stone arch over the front door and the door sill</li> <li>- rusticated brick arches over the windows</li> <li>- stained glass windows on the side elevations</li> <li>- decorative brick pilasters on the second floor side bay</li> <li>- decorative blind arch over the window on the east side tower</li> </ul> <p><i>Characteristics that contribute to the contextual value of 325 Wellington Street West include:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- one of a row of Queen Anne style residential structures lining Wellington Street West that retains the neighbourhood's original continuity and grandness</li> <li>- large narrow-home built on an urban scale</li> <li>- proximity to the downtown core</li> </ul>
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<b>Contributing Resources</b>		<b>Type:</b>	<b>Count:</b>	
		Building	1	
<b>Area (m<sup>2</sup>)</b>	1012			
<b>Dates of Significance</b>	<b>#</b>	<b>Type:</b>	<b>From:</b>	<b>To:</b>
	1	Construction (circa)	1870	1879
<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	Residence	Single Dwelling
	2	Current	Residence	Single Dwelling

***Theme***

<b>Theme Category Type</b>	<b>#</b>	<b>Category:</b>	<b>Type:</b>
	1	Governing Canada	Security and Law

## 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>	Southwest View of 325 Wellington Street West	South Elevation of 325 Wellington Street West	Detailed View of the Tower and Gable Roof of 325 Wellington Street West
<b>Description:</b>	North and east elevations depicting the structure's complex massing, 2011.	Featured is the eclectic detailing on the south elevation, specifically the octagonal tower, 2011.	Featured is the painted decorative wooden scroll work in the front gable, 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

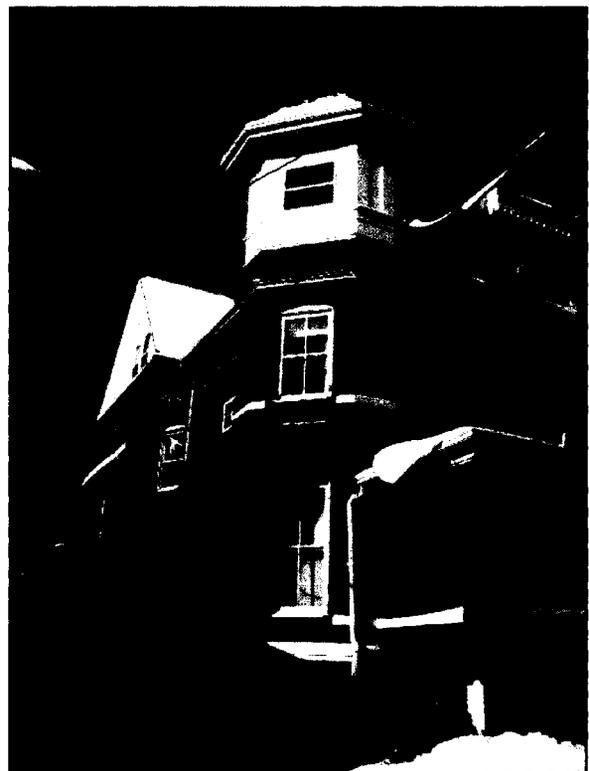


Image 2



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

## Management

<b>Ownership Type:</b>	Private (Individual)
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