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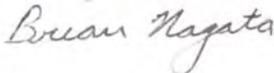
Ontario Heritage Trust  
10 Adelaide Street East  
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**Re: Notice of Intent to Designate - O'Hara House  
142 Victoria Avenue - Community of Chatham (City)  
Municipality of Chatham-Kent**

At the Council Meeting held September 24, 2012, Chatham-Kent Council approved the Heritage Chatham-Kent Committee's recommendation for the Intent to Designate property located at 142 Victoria Avenue, Community of Chatham (City), 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 October 10, 2012, with the last day of filing a Notice of Objection being November 9, 2012.

Sincerely,



Brian Nagata  
Junior Planner

C: Municipal Heritage Committee

Attachment(s)

In the Matter of the Ontario Heritage Act

**TAKE NOTICE** that 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 the following:

**Notice of Passing of By-laws**

**AND TAKE NOTICE** that The Council of the Municipality of Chatham-Kent passed By-law 162-2012 to designate the property known as the Martin House, located at 156-158 Victoria Avenue, in the Community of Chatham (City), legally described as Part of Park Lot 15, Plan 18 As IN 597601, Subject to Easement As IN CK36197 Over Part 1, 24R8718; Chatham-Kent, as a property of cultural heritage value and interest.

**AND TAKE NOTICE** that The Council of the Municipality of Chatham-Kent passed By-law 163-2012 to designate the property known as the Bell House, located at 8296 Starkweather Line, in the Community of Chatham (Township), legally described as Part of Lot 23, Concession 2 Chatham Gore As IN 564867 (Firstly); Chatham-Kent, as a property of cultural heritage value and interest.

The complete By-laws are available for inspection in the Clerk's Office, Civic Centre, 2nd Floor, 315 King Street West, Chatham, ON during regular business hours.

**Notice of Intent to Designate**

Description of Property:

142 Victoria Avenue, Community of Chatham (City), described as Part of Lot 15, Plan 18

Statement of Cultural Heritage Value or Interest:

The O'Hara House is a well preserved and elegant example of an upper middle class residence with an eclectic mix of architectural elements but principally of Italianate style. The house is of frame construction (presently vinyl sided) with two floors forming an offset "T" footprint with an impressive pillared front porch. The property has direct associations to Robert O'Hara, a prominent early lawyer and horticulturalist, and his son Geoffrey, an internationally renowned composer of popular music in the early 20<sup>th</sup> century.

The reports on the designation of these properties, which were adopted by Council of the Municipality of Chatham-Kent, are available upon request by calling Brian Nagata, Junior Planner, at (519) 352-8401, Ext. 3045 or by e-mail to [brian.nagata@chatham-kent.ca](mailto:brian.nagata@chatham-kent.ca), Civic Centre, 315 King Street West, P.O. Box 640, Chatham, Ontario, N7M 5K8.

Any person may, within 30 days of the date of this Notice, serve on the Clerk, a Notice of Objection in writing, setting out the objection and all relevant facts. Where a Notice of Objection has been served, the Council of the Municipality of Chatham-Kent shall refer the matter to the Conservation Review Board for a hearing.

Dated at the Municipality of Chatham-Kent this 10<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2012.