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CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF DUNDAS

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HERITAGE POLICY BRANCH

June 18, 1993.

REGISTERED MAIL

Ministry of Culture and Communications,
Heritage Branch,
77 Bloor Street West,
Toronto, Ontario.
M7A 2R9

Re: Notice of Intention to Designate 33 King Street West,
Dundas, Ontario.
Our File R01

Dear Sir:

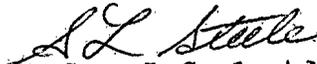
Please be advised that for three consecutive Wednesdays beginning June 30th an ad will be placed in the Dundas Star indicating that the municipality is intending to designate the property at 33 King Street West under the Ontario Heritage Act.

A copy of the ad is attached to this letter for your information.

You are being notified of intention to designate your property pursuant to Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act.

Please be advised that if no objections are received regarding this designation, a By-law will be forwarded to Town Council on August 16, 1993.

Yours very truly,


Ms. Susan L. Steele, A.M.C.T.
Town Clerk.

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CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF DUNDAS

IN THE MATTER OF THE ONTARIO HERITAGE ACT, CHAPTER O.18, R.S.O. 1990,
AND IN THE MATTER OF THE DESIGNATION OF THE PROPERTY KNOWN AS 33 KING
STREET WEST IN THE TOWN OF DUNDAS IN THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO.

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO DESIGNATE

TAKE NOTICE THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Dundas
intends to designate property of historical and architectural value or
interest under the Ontario Heritage Act, Chapter 0.18, R.S.O. 1990.

PROPERTY PROPOSED FOR DESIGNATION

COLLINS HOTEL

33 KING STREET WEST

REASONS FOR DESIGNATION

Historical Significance

The Collins Hotel was built in 1841 by Bernard Collins, who had arrived in Dundas from Ireland in 1833. It remained in family ownership until 1913. In its early days it was used for township meetings including at least one of the meetings leading to the Town's incorporation. The Collins family were outstanding citizens who made their mark in politics, sports and community affairs. Their hotel served as headquarters for the Conservative Party, and the gallery, framed by its four white columns, was the setting for many 19th century political gatherings. The Collins has remained a hotel throughout its one and a half century existence, a claim unmatched in Ontario.

Architectural Significance

The hotel was originally built as a simple two-storey flemish-bond brick building in the Georgian style. The striking white Neo-classical Doric columns and architrave were added in the 1850s. Such columns, which seek to emulate the glories of ancient Greece, are rare in Ontario but are echoed in the similar portico on nearby Mount Fairview which was built at the same time. More than any other feature in Dundas' architecture, these columns, which prominently face the town's main street, give the business district its character. When visitors think of Dundas, it is usually the Collins Hotel that first comes to mind. The mansard roof and decorative dormers were added in the 1880s when this style of roof was popular. Recent changes to the ground floor facade have left few of its original features intact.

Although the hotel combines features of the Georgian, Neo-classical and Second Empire styles, the mixture works well, producing a unique and striking building. The second floor facade is asymmetric with two 6/6 windows to the left and three to the right of the main door. The ground floor is similar with the right hand window replaced by a door. Only the windows and door on the second floor are original, those on the ground floor are modern replacements. The second floor door onto the balcony has two side lights and a glass transom. The balcony is supported by four wooden fluted Doric columns that rise unbroken to a well proportioned architrave with a simple dentilation. The mansard roof extends above the architrave and is pierced by five dormers with bracketed semicircular eaves, each framing a single 1/1 window (originally 4/2).

Features to be designated

The front facade including all the nineteenth century features, i.e., the ground floor window and door openings, the second floor door and windows, the balcony, columns and architrave, the mansard roof and dormers, but excluding the facing of the ground floor and the modern windows and doors on the first and third floors.

Council's consent will not be required for any alteration, maintenance, repair, replacement or improvement of elements of the property unless they affect the reason for designation.

Any person may within 30 days of the first publication of this notice, may send by registered mail or deliver to the Clerk of the Town of Dundas, notice of his or her objection to the proposed designation together with a statement of the reason for the objection and all relevant facts. If such notice of objection is received, the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Dundas shall refer the matter to the Conservation Review Board for a hearing.

DATED AT THE TOWN OF DUNDAS this 30th day of June, 1993.

Ms. Susan L. Steele, A.M.C.T.
Town Clerk,
Town of Dundas,
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P.O. Box 8584,
Dundas, Ontario.
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