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IN THE MATTER OF THE ONTARIO HERITAGE ACT
AND IN THE MATTER OF THE LANDS AND PREMISES
IN THE CITY OF HAMILTON, KNOWN MUNICIPALLY
AS 316 JAMES STREET SOUTH, HAMILTON, ONTARIO

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO DESIGNATE

TO: The Ontario Heritage Foundation,
77 Bloor Street West, 7th Floor,
Toronto, Ontario.
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TAKE NOTICE THAT the Council of The Corporation of the City of Hamilton intends to designate the following property, including land and buildings, as a property of historic or architectural value or interest under Part IV of The Ontario Heritage Act: 316 James Street South, Hamilton, Ontario, otherwise known as Ballinahinch.

THE REASONS for the proposed designation are set out in Schedule "A" annexed hereto.

A NOTICE OF INTENTION TO DESIGNATE is being published in The Spectator once a week for each of three consecutive weeks, commencing on the date set out below.

ANY PERSON may, within thirty days of the date set out below, send by registered mail or deliver to the Clerk of The Corporation of the City of Hamilton notice of his or her objection to the proposed designation, together with a statement of the reasons for the objection and all relevant facts. When a Notice of Objection has been received, the Council of the City of Hamilton will refer the matter to the Conservation Review Board for a hearing and report.

DATED at the City of Hamilton this 25th day of June,
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Mr. E. A. Simpson,
City Clerk,
City Hall,
71 Main Street West,
Hamilton, Ontario.
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SCHEDULE "A"

REASONS FOR DESIGNATION

Ballinahinch
316 James Street South
Hamilton

Ballinahinch, the stately stone mansion located at 316 James Street South where Aberdeen Avenue intersects, was built originally in 1849-50 as the residence for Aeneas Sage Kennedy, a Scottish dry goods merchant. Known as the Wilderness, Kennedy's home was rebuilt after a fire caused major damage in 1853. When lawyer Edward Martin purchased the residence in 1870, he renamed the home Ballinahinch after his grandfather Humanity Martin's estate in Ireland. He also added such baronial attributes as the family coat-of-arms over the front entrance. Designer of the original building was William Thomas, a well known architect of the mid-19th century.

316 James Street South has been rated a building of architectural excellence in the Adamson inventory. It is highly valued as an outstanding example of the country villa style, showing both Italianate and Gothic features, and as a work of an important early Canadian architect. It is significant also as a rare survivor from one of Hamilton's most distinguished building periods, the era of limestone architecture (1840's-50's), when manorial estates populated the rising slopes of Hamilton mountain.

Ballinahinch formerly served as the private home of such leading Hamiltonians as Edward Martin, founder of the Martin and Martin law firm, publisher William Southam and industrialist Frank McKune. In 1944, 316 James South was converted into apartments and in 1980 into condominiums.

Of importance is the conservation of the original features of Ballinahinch, particularly on the east and south facades, including but not limited to the main tower, slate roof, the stone walls and decorative architectural features as well as the interior staircase, entranceway, and central hall.