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IN THE MATTER OF THE ONTARIO HERITAGE ACT, 1974, S.O. Chapter 122

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AND IN THE MATTER OF THE LANDS AND PREMISES KNOWN MUNICIPALLY AS 10 Overfield Street, "Foxbar" IN THE TOWN OF DUNDAS IN THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO DESIGNATE

To: Ontario Heritage Foundation
.77 Grenville Street
Queen's Park ..
Toronto, Ontario
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TAKE NOTICE that the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Dundas intends to designate the property, including lands and buildings, known municipally as 10 Overfield Street, "Foxbar" as a property of architectural and/or historical value or interest under Part IV of The Ontario Heritage Act, 1974, S. O. Chapter 122.

REASONS FOR THE PROPOSED DESIGNATION

Historical Significance

Foxbar was built by Thomas Robertson in the mid 1850's. In his day, Thomas Robertson was a prominent Dundas figure, active in both legal and political circles. He practiced law in Dundas for many years as a partner in the firm of Robertson and Wardell. In 1878 Robertson was elected M.P. for Hamilton and later became a Supreme Court Judge.

In 1901 Frank E. Lennard Sr. became the owner of Foxbar. At his death in 1936, Foxbar was subsequently taken over for twenty-one years by his son, Frank E. Lennard Jr., a local M.P.

Architectural Significance

Foxbar is an excellent and uncommon example of a two storey stone house with a centre hall plan that combines late classical and early Italianate features. For Foxbar these features include a projecting centre bay, overhanging eaves with ornamental brackets, a bracketed roof pediment with bull's eye window, a second storey, double round-arched window, and a classical doorway with rectangular transom and side lights.

Foxbar is also an excellent example of the skilled stone masonry work that flourished in the Dundas - Hamilton area in the mid-nineteenth century.

The medium hip roof displays two examples of picturesque clustered chimneys made of brick.

The interior of Foxbar was completely renovated after it was gutted by fire in 1931.

Architecturally and historically Foxbar figures prominently in the valuable collection of nineteenth century heritage houses nestled among the nature trees and spacious grounds on Governor's Road and Overfield Street.

Any person may, before the 6th day of December, 1978 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 reasons for the objection and all relevant facts. When a Notice of Objection has been received, the Council of the Town of Dundas will refer the matter to the Conservation Review Board for a hearing and report.

Dated at Town of Dundas this 15th day of November, 1978.

L. J. Mikulich, A.M.C.T., C.M.C.

Town Clerk Administrator

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