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CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF DUNDAS

OFFICE OF THE  
TOWN CLERK

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November 26, 1991.

REGISTERED MAIL

Ministry of Citizenship and Culture,  
Heritage Branch,  
Architecture & Heritage Planning,  
77 Bloor Street West,  
Toronto, Ontario.  
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Re: Notice of Intention to Designate 781 Governor's Road,  
Dundas, Ontario.  
Our File No. 10.64.17

Dear Sir:

Please be advised that for three consecutive Wednesdays beginning December 4, 1991 an ad will be placed in the Dundas Star Journal indicating that the municipality is intending to designate the property at 781 Governor's Road 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, Chapter 337, R.S.O.'s 1980.

Please be advised that if no objections are received regarding this designation, a By-law will be forwarded to Town Council in January, 1992.

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 R.S.O. 1980, CHAPTER 337  
AND IN THE MATTER OF THE DESIGNATION OF THE PROPERTY KNOWN AS  
781 GOVERNOR'S ROAD, PART OF LOT 6 IN THE FIRST CONCESSION OF THE SAID  
TOWNSHIP OF WEST FLAMBORO, 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, R.S.O. 1980, Chapter 337.

PROPERTY PROPOSED FOR DESIGNATION

VICTORIA SCHOOL  
781 GOVERNOR'S ROAD

REASONS FOR DESIGNATION

HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE

A school has occupied this site on the north side of Governor's Road  
since 1837.

The present brick structure was preceded by two frame buildings,  
erected in 1837 and 1853, respectively. The existing school building  
was built by Martin Hewitt, who later married Evelyn Davies, the first  
teacher in the school.

During the reign of Queen Victoria, her name was given to many schools  
in Ontario, and very likely was applied to the earlier buildings on  
this site.

The present Victoria School, built in 1916, was considered very modern at the time of its construction. It was built as a model school, with such features as indoor toilets, separate boys' and girls' entrances, a well-equipped kitchen, and tools for wood working classes, as well as a teacher's room.

The building functioned as a school, serving pupils in West Flamborough and Ancaster, until its closing in 1958. Since that time, it has been a private residence.

#### ARCHITECTURAL SIGNIFICANCE

The school is of red brick construction on a stone foundation.

It is striking for its symmetrical facade with matching front entrances. Each entrance is capped by an arched transom whose bricks are arranged in a lanceated design with the key pinions in white inverted at the apex.

Beneath the cottage roof, which was originally slate-covered, the eaves are decorated in wood carved design with modillions.

The large central windows are set off by pilasters of brick work. These are crowned by an end gable carried well above the school's hip roof.

Inset and centered in the gable end above the large windows is the name of the school and number of the section.

The front facade has been largely restored to its original appearance since modern additions were recently removed. The school was an integral part of the educational system in this area, and its historical importance is further valued for its interesting architectural features.

#### Designation:

The portions to be designated are the front facade of the building including the brick walls, windows, canopies, entrances, roof, and centre gable with stone insets.

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 with 30 days of the first publication of this notice, 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 4th day of December, 1991.

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