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In the matter of the Ontario Heritage Act, 1974 S.O. 1974,  
Chapter 122;

And in the matter of the lands and premises at the following  
municipal addresses 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 the property, including lands and  
buildings at the following municipal addresses as properties of  
architectural and historical value or interest pursuant to Part IV  
of the Ontario Heritage Act, 1974, S.O. Chapter 122.

PROPERTY PROPOSED FOR DESIGNATION

31 and 33 Melville Street

REASONS FOR THE PROPOSED DESIGNATION

HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE

31-33 Melville Street is associated with the early history of  
the Knox Presbyterian Church in Dundas. Construction of the houses began  
in the mid 1840's, when Alex Chalmers, a Dundas Harness maker built number  
31. The property was acquired by the Reverend Mark Young Stark in 1856,  
and number 31 subsequently became the Knox Presbyterian rectory until the  
Reverend Stark's resignation in 1863, after he had served Dundas for  
three decades.

Number 33 was probably built in 1877 by William Shell, a Dundas

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## ARCHITECTURAL SIGNIFICANCE

These two buildings are among Dundas' best examples of the merging of Classical tradition and Gothic taste in mid nineteenth century Ontario domestic architecture. Moreover, number 31 Melville Street is an excellent example of the one storey hip-roofed vernacular cottage that imparts a special character to the nineteenth century Dundas streetscape. The Gothic details of this building, double windows with ogee heads, decorated eaves, and a finial surmounting the gable are sufficiently restrained to complement its neo-classical doorway and Georgian symmetry. The effect of the conscious elaboration of the fenestration and entrance elements is heightened by the contrasting plainness of the stuccoed walls. These themes are given a modest and more asymmetric echo in number 33. The set back of this building heightens the harmonious juxtaposition of the two important traditions in Ontario domestic architecture, the storey and a half gable roofed house and the one storey vernacular cottage.

Without restricting the generality of the foregoing, the reasons for this Council making the designation include the intention that the following exterior features of the original facade of 31-33 Melville Street be preserved:

- a) the surviving elements of the original front facades including the double windows with ogee heads and the neo-classical doorway.
- b) the decorated eaves, finial and centre gable and with no intention that any alteration, maintenance, repair, replacement or improvement of elements of the property should require the consent of the Council unless they affect the reasons for the designation of 31-33 Melville Street as described herein.

Any person may within 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 reasons for the objection and all relevant facts. If such a Notice of Objection is received,

the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Dundas shall refer  
the matter to the Review Conservation Board for a hearing.

Dated at the Town of Dundas  
this 17th day of January 1979.

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

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