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Attention: Amanda Armstrong, Executive Secretary

Dear Ms. Armstrong:

**Re: Notice of Intention to Designate under the Ontario Heritage Act  
1550 Point Abino Road South - Point Abino Lighthouse Keeper's Dwelling**

Please be advised that at the Council-in-Committee meeting held on August 10, 2009, the Municipal Council of the Town of Fort Erie considered Report No. CDS-052-09 and approved the following recommendations:

*THAT: Council consider the Museum and Cultural Heritage Committee's request to designate the Keeper's Dwelling as outlined in this report, for historical value and context, under Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act, and*

*THAT: Council direct staff to prepare a designation by-law and provide notice of intention to designate in accordance with the Ontario Heritage Act, should Council agree to the designation request.*

In accordance with the *Ontario Heritage Act*, please find enclosed a Notice of Intention to Designate the above property under the Act. A Notice of Intention to Designate will also be published in the Town's local newspaper on September 12, 2009. In the event that the Ontario Heritage Trust has an objection to the proposed designation, you are required to serve a Notice of Objection on the Clerk of the Town of Fort Erie on or before October 12, 2009. If no Notice of Objection is served, the Council shall consider a by-law to designate the property on October 13, 2009.

Thank you for your attention in this matter.

Yours very truly,

Carolyn J. Kett, A.M.C.T.  
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Enclosure

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**NOTICE OF INTENTION TO DESIGNATE  
UNDER ONTARIO HERITAGE ACT  
1550 POINT ABINO ROAD SOUTH  
(POINT ABINO LIGHTHOUSE KEEPER'S DWELLING)**

**TAKE NOTICE** that upon recommendation of the Town's Museum and Cultural Heritage Committee, the Municipal Council of the Town of Fort Erie intends to designate the Point Abino Lighthouse Keeper's Dwelling under Section 29 of the *Ontario Heritage Act*, R.S.O. 1990, Chapter 0.18, as amended as being of cultural heritage value or interest for its historical and contextual value.

**Description of Property - Point Abino Lighthouse Keeper's Dwelling, 1550 Point Abino Road South**

The Point Abino Lighthouse Keeper's Dwelling is a two-storey residential building located on the south side of Point Abino Road South in close proximity to the Point Abino Lighthouse National Historic Site. The property is legally described as Pt Lot 32, Broken Front Concession Lake Erie, former Township of Bertie, now in the Town of Fort Erie, being Part 1, on Reference Plan 59R-11548.

**Statement of Cultural Heritage Value or Interest**

The Point Abino Lighthouse Keeper's Dwelling's cultural heritage value lies in its historical and contextual value due to its construction in association with the Point Abino Lighthouse National Historic Site of Canada on Lake Erie, and its occupation by keepers responsible for the operation of the Lighthouse from 1918 until the Lighthouse was decommissioned in 1995.

The Point Abino Lighthouse and Keeper's Dwelling, which comprises the Light Station, is intimately associated with the maritime history of Canada. The Great Storm of 1913 and the loss of the lightship LV82 (the U.S. Buffalo) and six crew members led directly to the construction of the Light Station. The Light Station is closely tied to the development of the Great Lakes transportation corridor and the growth of the shipping industry, which in turn led to major development in the Niagara Region and points west.

The Lighthouse Keeper's Dwelling was sited in close proximity to the Point Abino Lighthouse to give the keepers who resided in the dwelling an unobstructed view of the Lighthouse and Lake Erie, by means of strategically placed windows and the open yard area around the dwelling. It was built in the Arts and Crafts style and designed specifically to be sympathetic to the design of the lighthouse while fitting in with the upscale nature of the neighbourhood. It was a federal requirement that all Light Stations fly the Canadian flag. The flag pole remains, as does the original shore wall constructed by the Keeper in 1939 to protect the dwelling and the property.

**Description of Heritage Attributes**

Key exterior attributes that embody the historical and contextual value of the Point Abino Lighthouse Keeper's Dwelling to the Point Abino Lighthouse National Historic Site include:

- low-slung, interpenetrating rooflines
- exposed wooden rafters and wooden brackets supporting the rooflines and oriel windows
- different shaped and sized multi-paned windows and window groupings
- original multi-paned windows
- original exterior doors
- grey pebble-dash stucco exterior
- brick chimney with concrete cap
- covered front entrance
- original interior lake side porch

Key interior attributes that embody the historical and contextual value include:

- regular and coved red unglazed brick fireplace surround
- original interior windows

Other attributes on the property that embody the historical and contextual value include:

- stone retaining wall constructed along the beach by the Keeper in 1939
- flagpole
- open yard area around the dwelling

Any person may, within thirty (30) days after the date of the publication of Notice of Intention to Designate, serve on the Clerk of the Town of Fort Erie, a Notice of Objection setting out the reasons for the objection and all relevant facts. If such a Notice of Objection is received, the Town of Fort Erie shall refer the matter to the Conservation Review Board for a hearing and report. However, any person who has served a Notice of Objection may withdraw the objection at any time before the conclusion of the hearing into the matter by serving a Notice of Withdrawal on the Clerk and the Conservation Review Board. Where no Notice of Objection is served, the Council shall consider a by-law to designate the aforesaid property on October 13, 2009.

Further information respecting the proposed designation is available by contacting David Heyworth, Senior Policy Planner, of the Town of Fort Erie at (905) 871-1600, Ext. 2504, or by E-Mail at [dheyworth@forterie.on.ca](mailto:dheyworth@forterie.on.ca).