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The City of Stoney Creek

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Re: City of Stoney Creek - Notice of Intention to Designate
982 Highway No. 8, Jacob Smith House (Langside)

As per the Ontario Heritage Act, R.S.O., 1990, Chapter 0.18, the City of Stoney Creek wishes to advise that during the period of October 18 to November 1, 1995, the attached notice was advertised in The Stoney Creek News advising of the Notice of Intention to Designate 982 Highway No. 8.

No *Notices of Objections* were received by the City, and it is intended to enact the designating by-law at the Council meeting to be held on November 28, 1995.

A copy of the Director or Planning's Report No. PL95-58 adopted at the September 26, 1995 Council meeting is enclosed for your information.

Please provide correspondence pertaining to this matter to the undersigned.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Lisa Barroso', with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Lisa Barroso, B.B.E.
Acting Assistant to the Clerk

Attachments

Copy to:

P. Smithson, Planning Department

The Corporation of the City of Stoney Creek

IN THE MATTER OF THE ONTARIO HERITAGE ACT, R.S.O., 1990, CHAPTER 0.18 AND
THE MATTER OF THE LANDS AND PREMISES AT 982 HIGHWAY NO. 8, CITY OF
STONEY CREEK, PROVINCE OF ONTARIO

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO DESIGNATE

Take Notice, That the Council of the Corporation of the City of Stoney Creek intends to designate the property, including lands and buildings at the following municipal address as a property of architectural and historic value and interest under Part IV of The Ontario Heritage Act, R.S.O., 1990, Chapter 0.18.

Built in 1847, The Jacob Smith House - "Langside" consists of the original stone building and several later wooden frame additions. The structure, that is the original building and porch addition (circa 1920), represents a sympathetic and successful compromise to a difficult design problem and in that sense is unique.

The great sloping roof over the porch, supported by short, stout columns on the front facade, tends to mask the symmetrical stone facade behind.

The stone structure incorporates elements of the Neo-Classical Revival style in a vernacular context. This is made apparent by the raised base on which the walls rest, the strong horizontal barge board at the roof and the eave return. Further suggestion of Neo-Classical detail is shown by the curved topped window in the gable over the entrance as well as the symmetrical placement of windows on the front and side elevations.

During the Revolutionary War, Jacob Smith Sr. served with the New Jersey Volunteers, a detachment loyal to the British crown. Jacob and Elizabeth Smith came to Niagara in 1787. For his services during the war Jacob was granted Lot 4, Concession 1, thus becoming the first settler in Glanford Township. In 1796 he petitioned and was granted Lot 8, Concession 1 and 2, and one chain (66 feet) of Lot 9, Concession 1 and 2 in Saltfleet Township, together with 35 acres in Flamborough (Beverly) Township.

A son, Jacob Jr., born in 1768, married Susannah, daughter of Jacob Beam of Beamsville. The fifth of six children born to Jacob Jr. and Susannah was John Smith who was born on January 19, 1800. Having married Jane Atkins, he lived on Lot 9, Concession 2, which had been granted to his father Jacob Jr. in 1816. In 1847, to the west of the family log home, he built the stone house that still stands on that site.

John Wesley Smith, born in 1843 to Jane (Atkins) and John Smith, married Jane DeWitt. Together with Ira E. Van Duzer he operated a business providing nursery stock to fruit farmers.

Howard B. Smith, son of John Wesley and Jane (DeWitt) Smith, added a wide verandah to the front of the stone house. The name "Langside House", after a Scottish battlefield, was added to the home at this time.

John Reid Smith, the son of Howard B. Smith, served as a Trustee on the Saltfleet District High School Board. His son, Roger DeWitt Smith, presently resides at Langside House, thus continuing the ownership by successive generations of the Jacob Smith family.

Important to the preservation of The Jacob Smith House - "Langside" are the original stone facades, the roof, the linear frieze and mouldings, as well as the windows and foundations. The structural wood framing is significant as is the porch.

Inquiries may be directed to Paul Smithson, Planning Department, City of Stoney Creek at 643-1261.

Any person may, within thirty days of the first publication of this notice, send by registered mail or deliver to Rose Caterini, Acting Clerk of the City of Stoney Creek notice of his or her objection to the proposed designation together with 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 City of Stoney Creek shall refer the matter to the Conservation Review Board for a hearing.

Rose Caterini, A.M.C.T.
Acting City Clerk