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The City of Stoney Creek

November 24, 1995

Ontario Heritage Foundation
Ministry of Culture & Communications
2nd Floor - 77 Bay St. W.
Toronto ON M7A 2R9

**Re: City of Stoney Creek - Notice of Intention to Designate
552 Ridge Road, Erland Lee (Museum)**

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 552 Ridge Road.

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. PL95-44 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', written over a horizontal line.

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 552 RIDGE ROAD, 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.

The Erland Lee (Museum) Home represents a significant part of the history of Stoney Creek and this historic house is one of the best preserved examples of "Gothic Revival" in Ontario: the white board and batten house with its bay windows, green shutters and hand carved maple barge boards running along the gables. The barge boards have an original pattern resembling a paper chain of maple leaves. The back part of the house may have been built in 1801 and the front part was built in 1873. The site also includes a drive house which was constructed in the 1870s.

Important to the preservation of the Erland Lee (Museum) Home are the exterior features including the foundation, the original board and batten facades of the house, the windows, shutters and barge boards, as well as the lace work at the front porch and bay windows. Also important is the preservation of the drive house with its original interior hand hewn timbers.

James and Hannah Lee arrived in Saltfleet Township from Maryland in 1792. Their eldest son, John, married Mary Moore. Mary Lee received the deed for Lot 17, the present site of the house, from the Crown in 1844. John Lee served in the 5th Lincoln Regiment in 1812 during hostilities with the U.S.A.

In 1873 Abram, the youngest son of John Lee, built the front part of the existing house. Erland Lee, born in 1864, inherited the family farm. He was a charter member of the Farmer's Institute and secretary-treasurer of the Saltfleet Agricultural Society. Erland Lee was the Saltfleet Township clerk for nearly 20 years.

In 1897 Erland Lee invited Mrs. Adelaide Hoodless to speak at Ladies' Night of the Saltfleet Farmer's Institute. On February 19, 1897, the first Women's Institute in the world was organized at Squire's Hall, Stoney Creek. The original by-laws and constitution were drawn up by Erland Lee, Senator E. D. Smith and Major F. M. Carpenter. The first president was Mrs. E. D. Smith and Mrs. Janet Lee was one of the first directors.

In 1961 a memorial plaque was unveiled on a large granite boulder in front of the house. In 1967 the Historic Sites Board of Ontario also unveiled a plaque at the site. In 1972 the site was purchased by the Provincial Board of the Federated Women's Institutes of Ontario during the 75th Anniversary Year of Women's Institutes.

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