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November 27, 2013

REGISTERED MAIL

Ms. Beth Hanna
Executive Director
Ontario Heritage Trust
10 Adelaide Street East
Toronto, ON M5C 1J3

Dear Ms. Hanna:

**Re: Notice of Intention to Designate
5257 River Road, Niagara Falls, Ontario**

The Council of the Corporation of the City of Niagara Falls intends to designate the above-noted land and building as property of cultural heritage value and interest under the terms of the Ontario Heritage Act, R.S.O. 1990. The enclosed notice provides information on the significance of the property and the manner in which objection to the designation may be served. This public notice is being published in the Niagara Falls Review in accordance with the requirements of the Ontario Heritage Act on Saturday, November 30, 2013

Should you have any questions or require further information, please contact the Planning, Building & Development Division.

Yours truly,

Peggy Boyle
Assistant Planner

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Attach.

c. Dean Iorfida

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NOTICE OF INTENTION TO DESIGNATE

TAKE NOTICE that the Council of the Corporation of the City of Niagara Falls intends to designate the land and building known as:

McMurray House, 5257 River Road

as a property of cultural heritage value and interest under Part IV of the *Ontario Heritage Act*, R.S.O. 1990, c. O.18, as amended.

The property is located on the west side of River Road and described as: Plan 29, Lot 39, New Plan 294, City of Niagara Falls, Regional Municipality of Niagara.

CULTURAL HERITAGE VALUE

The McMurray House was built in 1893 for William McMurray, the City Treasurer from 1898 to 1925. This Queen Anne style house has many features typical of this style, including the asymmetrical façade with a central tower, overall large mass, steeply pitched roof, tall chimney and large verandah. The house also features several interior elements that speak to the character of the Queen Anne style. The detailed woodwork in the staircase, ceiling medallions, fireplace mantel, cove moulding and large baseboards, two large ionic order columns in the dining room, embossed doorknobs and hinges and the parquet flooring are all decorative elements associated with the Queen Anne style. The large oak tree on the front lawn is also a landmark for its grandeur.

HERITAGE ATTRIBUTES

Key features that embody the heritage value and are important to the preservation of 5257 River Road include the following heritage attributes:

Interior:

- Decorative wood spindle work under the staircase in the main entrance
- 2 ionic order columns in between living room and dining room

Exterior:

- Queen Anne Style house
- Prominent central tower
- Steeply pitched roof and large chimney
- Front verandah with fish scale shingles
- Eave brackets
- Prominent setting on rise of land above River Road
- Large oak tree on front lawn, estimated to be 225-250 years old.
- Association with William McMurray, City Treasurer 1898 -1925.

Notice of objection to the designation of the above noted property may be served on the City Clerk within 30 days after the date of this notice.

For further information regarding the proposed designation, please contact Peggy Boyle, Planning, Building and Development Division at (905) 356-7521, ext. 4334.

Dated this 30th day of November, 2013.

Dean Iorfida
City Clerk