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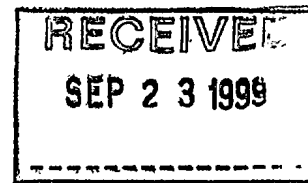
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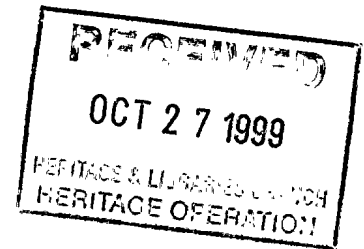
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September 20, 1999



**REGISTERED MAIL**

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Dear Mr. Moorhouse:

**Re: Notice of Intention to Designate Danner Sherk House  
12549 Niagara River Parkway, 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 historic and architectural 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, September 25, 1999.

Should you have any questions or require further information, please contact the Planning and Development Department.

Yours truly,

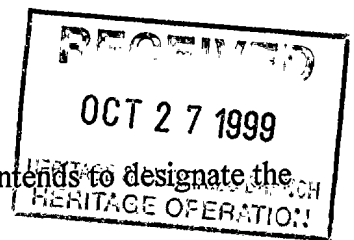
Alex Herlovitch  
Deputy Director of Planning & Development  
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Attach.

c: E. C. Wagg, City Clerk

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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 Danner Sherk House, land and building at:

12549 Niagara River Parkway

as a property of historic value and architectural interest under Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act, R.S.O. 1990.

The property is located on the west side of the Niagara River Parkway and is described as Part of Lot 7, Concession 1, former Township of Willoughby, further described as Lots 713-715, 728-729, 725-726 and Part Lots 716-718, Plan 5, also known as Lots 705-708, NP338 all as located in the City of Niagara Falls in the Regional Municipality of Niagara.

### HERITAGE SIGNIFICANCE

The lands upon which the house is located were part of 210 acres purchased by Ulrick Strickler in 1801. It is believed that Strickler built this house shortly after taking ownership of the property and that it certainly existed by 1805. It predates the War of 1812. War losses papers filed by Strickler itemize supplies and materials seized by U.S. troops during their campaign in 1814. The property was purchased by Joseph Danner, a Quaker, in 1816. Danner farmed the property until he sold it in 1847. During his ownership, the house was again occupied by military troops during the 1837-38 Rebellion. In 1847, the house was purchased by the trustees of The Community of True Inspiration, commonly known as the Ebenezers. The Ebenezers were a religious sect originating in Germany. The trustees sold the southern half of the property to Elias Sherk in 1855. Sherk was a dairy farmer and had a successful cheese factory on the property. Elias Sherk died in 1893, the farm remained in the ownership of the Sherk descendants until 1926. At that time, the property was sold to Waverly Heights Realty Corporation; the Township of Willoughby secured the property for taxes in 1933. In 1961, the house was purchased by John (Bus) MacTaggart who did much to bring the house to livable standards. MacTaggart was an active businessman and member of the Chamber of Commerce, he was director of Louis Tussaud's Wax Museum until his death in 1969. The house was purchased by the current owners in 1996. The house is now used as a bed and breakfast. The building is referred to as the Danner Sherk house after two of the early families with long ties to the building.

The house can be characterized as a Loyalist style dwelling. The house is 2 storeys with attic, has 4 bays (openings) of irregular spacing across the front and has a low pitched roof. The gable ends are symmetrically arranged with two gable windows which would have flanked end chimneys, now removed. The house is constructed of stone and has received a stucco finish. It is believed the stucco was applied early in the building's history, perhaps to give a more refined appearance or to protect the stone. The house retains much of its front doorcase including side light openings, 6-panel door and wood panelling in the door recess. The trim around the door is a replacement and the panelling beneath the sidelights has been replaced with a stucco surface. The windows are modern casement windows; the shutters are recent additions. Remnants of 2 end chimneys are visible in the attic and would have contributed to the balanced appearance of the house.

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 Alex Herlovitch, Planning and Development Department at 356-7521, ext. 4231.

Dated this 25th day of September, 1999.

E. C. Wagg  
City Clerk