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## City of Kitchener

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### REGISTERED MAIL

Ms. Nancy Smith  
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77 Bloor Street West, 2nd Floor  
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Dear Ms. Smith:

Re: Notice of Intention - 128 Margaret Avenue (Margaret Avenue Public School)

The Council of the Corporation of the City of Kitchener, at its meeting of Monday December 16, 1996, directed that a Notice of Intention be published, pursuant to the Ontario Heritage Act, with respect to the property located at 128 Margaret Avenue, Kitchener. A copy of the notice is attached for your information.

If you have any questions or concerns, please call me at (519) 741-2276.

Yours truly

Dianne H. Gilchrist  
Committee Secretary

Enclosure

IN THE MATTER OF THE ONTARIO HERITAGE ACT, R.S.O. 1990, CHAPTER O.18  
AND IN THE MATTER OF THE LANDS AND PREMISES AT THE FOLLOWING  
MUNICIPAL ADDRESS(ES) IN THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO

**NOTICE OF INTENTION**

**TAKE NOTICE** that the Council of the Corporation of the City of Kitchener intends to designate the following municipal address(es) as being of historic and architectural significance under Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act, R.S.O. 1990, Chapter O.18.

**128 Margaret Avenue (Margaret Avenue Public School)**

Margaret Avenue Public School is historically and architecturally significant to the City of Kitchener. It represents a true reflection of the growth of our City during the past 100 years. In the rapidly expanding town of Berlin, the two-storey, four room school was built in 1894 to accommodate the increased school enrolment at Central (Suddaby), Agnes Street (King Edward) and Courtland Avenue Schools this first school in the northward was built on land purchased from the Louise Breithaupt Estate. Constructed by the architect Jonas Knechtel at a cost of \$6000.00, it opened two of its classrooms on January 2, 1895. By June 1896 all classrooms were filled. The schools first principal was Miss Ada Cairnes (Mrs. Alex Eby).

In 1904 more room was required in this section of the Town of Berlin, so another four rooms were added to the back of the existing building making an eight-roomed school. In 1925, six more rooms were added and two major wings were built on the rear of the school, resulting in the school being shaped like a "T". By putting basements under the entire building, continuing the monochromatic coloured brick work of the wings around the existing building, adding a neo-gothic entrance and other gothic details and by using a flat roof, the architecture of the school was completely changed. These alterations, undertaken in 1925 by architect J. R. Franklin, exemplifies the gothic collegiate style of architecture which became prevalent in Ontario in the 1920's.

The designation includes the front (west) and the side (north and south) elevation; the roof; the roofline with flashing; the decorative brick design on the front wing facade; the precast concrete banding; all the original window openings and sills; the date stone; the north and south entrance doors and transom; the frontispiece on the front elevation excluding the front entrance door, transom and side lights.

Any person may, before the 19th day of January, 1997, send by Registered Mail or deliver to the clerk of the City of Kitchener, Notice of his or her objection to the proposed designation, together with a statement of the reasons for the objection and all relevant facts. When a Notice of Objection has been received, the Council of the Corporation of the City of Kitchener will refer the matter to the Conservation Review Board for a hearing and report.

Dated at Kitchener  
the 20th day of December, 1996

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