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CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF KINGSVILLE

IN THE MATTER OF THE ONTARIO HERITAGE ACT, R.S.O. 1990,
c. O. 18, AS AMENDED, AND IN THE MATTER OF THE PROPERTY
LEGALLY DESCRIBED AS PART OF LOT 1, CONCESSION 1, EASTERN DIVISION,
TOWN OF KINGSVILLE, IN THE COUNTY OF ESSEX AND
PROVINCE OF ONTARIO

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO DESIGNATE

TAKE NOTICE THAT the Council of The Corporation of the Town of Kingsville intends to designate, under Part IV of the *Ontario Heritage Act*, the property known as 90 Main Street East, legally described as Part of Lot 1, Concession 1, Eastern Division, in the Town of Kingsville, in the County of Essex and Province of Ontario.

Description of Property:

Constructed in 1886, The Wigle-Webb House is a 2-storey brick house in the Gothic Revival style located on the northeast corner of Main Street East and Spruce Street in the original Town of Kingsville.

Statement of Cultural Heritage Value:

The Wigle-Webb House's cultural heritage value lies in its association with Jacob Wigle and William Morton Webb. William Morton Webb was a notable Kingsville businessman who was active in municipal life. In addition to being the town's mayor in 1922, he was a Town Councillor, public works commissioner, president of the local Chamber of Commerce and an officer of the Grand Lodge of freemasons. An engineer by trade, he travelled the world, managing gold mines in Colorado, Mexico and South Africa. He became the first district engineer when the province's Department of Highways was organized in 1920 and was involved in the building of Highway 3. He later took over his father's clothing store, F.R. Webb & Co. Webb purchased the brick home at 90 Main St. East in 1922.

Jacob Wigle was a successful farmer and municipal politician. During the Fenian Raids which began in 1866, Wigle volunteered to guard the shore of Lake Erie from the threat of invading Americans who were attacking targets in Canada to pressure England to withdraw from Ireland. He purchased the property on Main Street East in 1885 and had construction begin on the five-bedroom house. A Reformer, Wigle had a penchant for politics, as evidenced in the now weathered white stone he placed in the southwest corner of the front yard. He brought the stone from a parcel of his farmland because he believed it resembled the profile of John A. Macdonald, Canada's first prime minister. Wigle was a steward and trustee of the Epworth Church.

Description of heritage attributes:

Key attributes that embody the heritage value of The Wigle-Webb House include:

- Cut fieldstone foundation
- Decorative brickwork including sawtooth designs, hood moulds over the windows and bullnose corners
- One-over-one flattened arch windows
- Gingerbreading including highly ornamented vergeboards on the high-pitched gables, cornices and carved corbels
- Interior sweeping staircase with turned, buttoned balusters
- Original hardware on interior doors
- Five-panelled interior doors
- Butler staircase
- Hardwood flooring

Any person may, within thirty days of the publication of this notice, send by registered mail or deliver to the Clerk of the Town of Kingsville notice of his or her objection to the proposed designation together with a statement of the reasons for the objection and all relevant facts.

DATED at Kingsville, this 8th day of January, 2008.

Linda Burling, Clerk
The Corporation of the Town of Kingsville
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