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THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF KINGSVILLE

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BY REGISTERED MAIL

August 28, 2014

Ontario Heritage Trust
Heritage Programs and Operation
10 Adelaide St. East
Toronto, Ontario M5C 1J3

Attention: Mr. Jim Leonard, Registrar

Dear Mr. Leonard:

RE: Notice of Intention to Designate 1500 County Road 34, Kingsville

Enclosed please find Notice of Intention to Designate which is being served upon you pursuant to Section 29(3) of the *Ontario Heritage Act*.

Yours truly,

Sandra Kitchen
Deputy Clerk – Council Services
Corporate Services Department
skitchen@kingsville.ca

Enclosure (1)

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c: Dr. Lydia Miljan, Chair, Kingsville Municipal Heritage Advisory Committee



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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: PT LT 21 CON 4
GOSFIELD AS IN R807972; IN THE 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 legally described as PT LT 21 CON 4 GOSFIELD AS IN R807972; TOWN OF KINGSVILLE, municipally known as 1500 County Road 34 in the Town of Kingsville in the Province of Ontario.

Description of Property:

Description of Property: The John C. Fox House
Constructed ca. 1851, The John C. Fox house is a 2 storey brick house built in the Kingsville regional vernacular style. It is located in Olinda.

Statement of Cultural Heritage Value or Interest:

The building's cultural heritage value lies partly in its association with John C. Fox (1807-1896) who was born in Gosfield Township, Essex, ON. He is the grandson of United Empire Loyalist Philip Adam Fuchs/Fox (1749-1815) who was born in Germany and immigrated to America in 1772. By the 1840s John C. Fox was the first known merchant in Olinda. The Olinda Post Office was opened in his store in 1860 and he became the first Postmaster from then until his retirement in 1895. The store also served as the local stage coach stop so it would have been a major hub of activity for the community. In 1888 the store was rebuilt by Fox's son, Alfred J. Fox, once again using bricks created from *in situ* clay. In the 1980s the store was relocated to the Southwestern Ontario Heritage Village on the Arner Townline, Essex County. It was reconstructed on site using the original design, brick and some woodwork.

John C. Fox also served as a Justice of the Peace for the region. Mr. Fox believed strongly in the importance of education and toward that end donated a portion of his land to the Trustees of Union School so that a school could be built there. The school that was built is depicted on the 1877 Walling map of Olinda.

The cultural heritage value of the John C. Fox house also lies in it being an example of the Kingsville regional vernacular style of a private dwelling in Olinda. The building is constructed of local Olinda red bricks created from *in situ* clay. The house sits on a slab foundation, has a gable roof and segmental arches over the windows. This was the first brick house built in the region. The Canada West Census for 1861 and 1891 both refer to a 2 storey brick house on the premises although the 1850 assessment does not mention a brick house.

Description of Heritage Attributes:

Key attributes that embody the heritage value of the John C. Fox house include several examples of fine and/or unique craftsmanship. These include: brick exterior, walnut woodwork throughout house, very deep window sills, wide interior doors, original front door, ceiling boards, wide plank hardwood floors, spindle columns with bannister, original light fixtures and 2 brick fireplaces

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 2nd day of September, 2014.

Ruth Orton-Pert, Director of Corporate
Services/Clerk
The Corporation of the Town of Kingsville
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