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# MUNICIPALITY OF KINCARDINE

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File: Designation  
235 Harbour Street  
Roll # 5-14900

February 18, 2000

The Ontario Heritage Foundation  
Ministry of Citizenship and Culture  
2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, 77 Bloor Street West  
Toronto, Ontario  
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Dear Sirs:

Re: Designation of 235 Harbour Street

Pursuant to the Ontario Heritage Act, 1990, please find enclosed a Notice of Intention to designate the building at 235 Harbour Street, in the Municipality of Kincardine former Township of Kincardine-Bruce-Tiverton.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "R. Graham".

Rosaline M. Graham, A.M.C.T.  
Clerk

RMG:ps

Encl.

# THE TOWNSHIP OF KINCARDINE-BRUCE-TIVERTON

**NOTICE OF INTENTION** to designate properties of historical or architectural value.

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the Council of The Corporation of The Township of Kincardine-Bruce-Tiverton intends to designate as property of historical or architectural value or interest, the following properties for the following reasons:

## DESIGNATION

**PROPERTY:** Walker House, Northwest Corner of Harbour Street and Huron Terrace, part Lot 1, Plan 77, Township of Kincardine-Bruce-Tiverton.

**REASONS:** The Walker House is considered the oldest building in KBT and indeed, the oldest standing tavern of its style in Bruce and Grey Counties. The Walker House Hotel was built in 1850 overlooking what was to become the harbour and the centre of intense commercial activity. This hotel provided accommodation to many of the innumerable settlers who arrived to take up land in the Queen's Bush. This hotel became the earliest centre for community political activity.

Paddy Walker was one of Kincardine's most important early citizens; he was an entrepreneur, a tavern keeper, a contractor, a schooner operator and a politician. The building remained in the hands of the Walker family until 1942. After it ceased to be a commercial hotel, the Walker House served as a boarding house and, more recently, a private residence.

Although severely damaged by fire on January 23, 1995, it is hoped that a restored Walker House, as a companion to the lighthouse opposite, will become a self-sustaining tourist attraction, the pride of Kincardine's heritage.

The frame hotel illustrates in its façade, low-pitched gable roof and classically-derived window, door and cornice trim, the Neoclassical style common in the mid-nineteenth century in Ontario. While the building has suffered severe fire damage, what remains appears remarkably true to what is believed to be the original detail. Smoke damage, in many cases, conceals sound finishes and trim. We believe it is imperative to maintain as much of the original as is possible. Because of the relatively small number of buildings erected during that time and the even greater rarity of a hotel surviving so long, the Walker House represents a valuable contribution to our architectural history.

**NOTICE:** A person who objects to the proposed designations shall, within thirty days after the date of publication of this notice, serve on the Town Clerk a notice, in writing, setting out the objection and all relevant facts to:

The Corporation of The Township of Kincardine-Bruce-Tiverton  
Rosaline M. Graham, Clerk  
707 Queen Street,  
KINCARDINE, Ontario  
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**Notice of Intention to Designate**

**Note:**

1. THE ONTARIO HERITAGE ACT R.S.O. 1980, Chapter 377, provides that any notice required to be given, delivered, or served is sufficiently given, delivered or served if delivered personally or sent by registered mail addressed to the person to whom delivery or service is required to be made at his last known address.
2. The Act further provides that where a notice of objection has been served, the Council shall refer the matter to the Conservation Review Board which, as soon as practicable, shall hold a hearing open to the public to determine whether the owner, any person who has filed an objection, and such other persons as the Review Board may specify, are parties to the hearing. After the conclusion of the hearing, the Review Board shall make a report to Council setting out its findings of fact, its recommendations as to whether or not the property should be designated and any information or knowledge used by it in reaching its recommendations. After considering the report, the Council without a further hearing shall:
  - a) pass a by-law designating the property and cause a copy of the by-law together with the reasons for the designation:
    - (i) to be registered against the property affected in the proper land registry office;
    - (ii) to be served on the owner and The Ontario Heritage Foundation, and publish a notice of such by-law in a newspaper having general circulation in the municipality; or,
  - b) withdraw the notice of intention to designate the property by serving and publishing notice of such withdrawal in the manner and to the persons as required for the notice of intention to designate under the Act and its decision is final.

**DATED** at KINCARDINE, Ontario this Eighteenth day of October, 1999.

This Notice published on the Twentieth (20) day of October, 1999.