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Corporation of the Town of St. Marys
Box 998, St. Marys ON N4X 1B6

January 16, 2017

Ontario Heritage Trust
10 Adelaide Street East
Toronto, Ontario M5C 1J3

To whom it may concern:

Re: Designation of property of architectural and heritage significance.

Please be advised that Town Council of the Corporation of the Town of St. Marys has published a notice of intent to designate a property at 96 Robinson Street, St. Marys, under Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act.

Please find attached a copy of the statements of designation and of the published Notice of Intent.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Trisha McKibbin".

Trisha McKibbin,
Director of Corporate Services/Deputy Clerk
Town of St. Marys

themselves tell us that.” But according to St. Marys Memorial Hospital Foundation Chair John McIntosh, there’s no choice but to make it better.

In an interview last week with the Journal Argus, McIntosh was talking about the facility for which the foundation is currently working to raise \$5 million through its Someone I Know capital campaign — a campaign for which foundation members recently celebrated surpassing the \$4.5-million mark.

A prevailing opinion on the foundation, McIntosh suggested, is that it’s crucial for hospitals in Ontario not to be content with the status quo in terms of equipment and facilities. If, by contrast, a hospital is continually bringing in new, state-of-the-art equipment and showing evidence of community investment within its corridors and care rooms, it will be less easy for the government to one day argue in favour of cutting back or cutting off funding.

When Someone I Know launched in late 2015, the vision was that roughly \$2.5 million would go towards updating rooms and upgrading equipment in the existing hospital, and the other \$2.5 million would go towards expansion of the Wellness Centre. Over the past year and a half, substantial donations have been earmarked towards upgrades in the



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Architect’s rendering showing the west-facing exterior of the planned addition to the Wellness Centre from Ingersoll Street.

existing hospital’s Emergency department (Quadro Communications), a patient lounge (Trillium Mutual Insurance) and tub room (Town of St. Marys).

Now, as the campaign nears its completion (the Hospital Foundation is hopeful it will reach the \$5-million mark in time for the upcoming every-second-year Gala fundraiser on Saturday, April 29 at the Pyramid Centre), there’s a renewed focus on building up funds for the addition to the Wellness Centre (now

called the Tradition Mutual Insurance Wellness Centre, reflecting the largest of all donations so far to the campaign).

For last week’s interview, McIntosh brought along architect’s renderings of the floor and exterior aesthetics of the planned addition, to be constructed between the existing Wellness Centre and Ingersoll Street, immediately south of the adjoining YMCA building.

The plan is for a two-storey addition, the lower level featuring eight more exam rooms plus a meeting/boardroom. The second level will be office spaces made available for rent through the Perth Healthcare Alliance (HPHA), the site administrative agency which operates St. Marys Memorial along with hospitals in Stratford, Clinton and Seaford.

They don’t have the final approval yet from Ontario’s Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care but McIntosh doesn’t anticipate that should be a problem because, quite simply, “we’re paying for it ourselves.” He says that if all goes as planned, a call for tenders will be issued in the spring of this year, with construction beginning later in 2017 and wrapping some time in 2018.

With the commencement of construction looming, the pressure mounts to close in on the \$5-million goal. McIntosh noted that even though the fundraising campaign has always been ready and willing to accept donations from all individuals and groups, he has recently come to the realization that members of the public haven’t necessarily been entirely welcomed by a sometimes aggressive Someone I Know approach.

“I think, because there has been a focus on the businesses and the corporations, we had people asking us, ‘when are you going to open up (donations) to the general public?’ So we want to get that message out there that the size of the donation isn’t important to us.”

Over the Christmas holidays, the Hospital Foundation family of Granton made a large donation to the John Harlton at the time issued a challenge to other families to do the same. McIntosh

TOWN OF ST. MARYS

INTENTION TO DESIGNATE

96 ROBINSON STREET (LOT 10, BLOCK L, PLAN 216)

NOTICE

In accordance with the Ontario Heritage Act, Section 29, Part IV, Council intends to designate 96 Robinson Street (Lot 10, Block L, Plan 216) as a place of architectural and historical value.

Reasons for designation

96 Robinson Street is a storey-and-a-half white brick villa, built in 1875 as the home of Leon and Eunice Clench and their two daughters, Mary and Nora. Relocating from London to St. Marys in the mid-1850s, Leon Clench (1834-1884) was the town’s first lawyer. He also established the first town band. The house includes many historical features such as a front door with cambered top and elaborate frame, three bay windows and alcove in the southeast corner. Detailed reasons for designation of this property can be seen or obtained from the Clerk’s Office (contact below).

Objections

Any person who objects to this intended designation must serve the CAO a notice of objection in writing, setting out the reason for the objection and all relevant facts by **February 16, 2017**. Where a notice of objection has been served, the Council shall refer the matter to the Conservation Review Board for a hearing.

Contact

Clerk’s Office
Town Hall (Church St. entrance)
175 Queen St. E., Box 998, St. Marys, ON N4X 1B6
Office hours: Mon – Fri, 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.



Notice dated 18th day of January, 2017