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ONTARIO HERITAGE TRUST

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Attention: Ms. Erin Semande, Ontario Heritage Act Registrar (Acting)

Dear Madam:

**RE: Notice of Intention to Designate 755 Seacliff Drive, 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, R.S.O. 1990, c.O.18*. An abbreviated version of this Notice will also be published in the January 3, 2017 edition of The Kingsville Reporter, a newspaper having general circulation in the municipality of Kingsville.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Sandra Kitchen".

Sandra Kitchen, Deputy Clerk-Council Services  
Corporate Services Department

Enclosure

cc: Dr. L. 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 BLK A PL 1423 GOSFIELD SOUTH PT 1 12R14230; KINGSVILLE, 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 BLK A PL 1423 GOSFIELD SOUTH PT 1 12R14230; KINGSVILLE, in the Town of Kingsville, in the County of Essex and Province of Ontario and municipally known as 755 Seacliff Drive, Kingsville.

**Description of Property:** The Alfred J. Allworth House  
Constructed in 1887 the Alfred J. Allworth House is a 2-storey house built in the Craftsman style located at 755 Seacliff Drive.

**Historical Significance:**

The building's cultural heritage value lies in its association with Alfred J. Allworth (1843-1930) who was born in St. Thomas. Alfred J. Allworth married Emily Hillis in St. Thomas on September 3rd 1867 and together they had 5 children; Bertha, Ethel, Maggie, Lawrence and Edward. His daughter Ethel passed away in St. Thomas in 1901 and his son Edward at one point operated a cash store in Kingsville. His daughter Bertha married Ernest Lionel White of Montreal who was the brother of Dr. White of Kingsville. Mr. Allworth's father, who happened to also be named Alfred Allworth, was a frequent visitor in town and he passed away in 1897 at the age of 77. Mr. Allworth's uncle Dr. Allworth was a landowner in town who, at one point in time, owned the parcel of land adjacent to Mr. Allworth. Additionally, in 1892, Dr. King, Dr. Allworth, Dr. Drake, J.W. King and Alfred Allworth were reported to have extended the hospitality of their houses to a large gathering of people young and old from Kingsville and Leamington that culminated at the residence of Angus Wigle.

Upon arriving in Kingsville, Alfred J. Allworth began his Lake View Vineyard, where, in 1871 he was listed as a vineyard operator in the town of Kingsville. The grapes grown at his Lake View Vineyard won several awards throughout the years. Beginning in 1878, Mr. Allworth's Black and Amber grapes won 2nd place and 1st, 2nd and 3rd place respectively at the South Riding Fair.

Afterwards, Mr. Allworth's Black, Amber, Concord, Delaware and Diana grapes would go on to win multiple county fair awards through 1897. Furthermore, beginning as early as 1885, Mr. Allworth was manufacturing wine producing four thousand gallons using thirteen tons of grapes. In relation to his work on the vineyard, in 1890 Mr. Allworth was elected Vice-President of the newly formed Essex County Horticultural Society.

Although Alfred J. Allworth operated a successful vineyard he was also employed as a clerk at J. H. Smart's bank. In early 1883, Mr. Smart's bank and the adjoining post office were robbed and Alfred J. Allworth was victimized in the process. On the particular night, Alfred J. Allworth was checking the bank at Mr. Smart's behest. Upon unlocking the door and checking inside, three armed men confronted Mr. Allworth pointing revolvers at his head and ordering him to keep quiet whilst covering his eyes. Mr. Allworth was handcuffed while one of the men searched his pockets for his keys. Once the keys were found the men looted the vault and post office taking \$1,800 in cash and \$700 worth of jewelry. After having looted the building, the armed men proceeded to gag Mr. Allworth as well as tie and bind his hands and legs. The armed men then locked Mr. Allworth inside the vault, cut the telephone wire leading out of the store and cut down three telephone poles as they fled. The next morning, Mr. Allworth was freed from the vault alive but worse for wear. Following the robbery, Mr. Allworth recovered from his ordeal and twenty citizens in town armed themselves with muskets and clubs on the lookout for more robbers.

In 1900, Mrs. Alfred Allworth's sister Mrs. (Dr.) Leitch of St. Thomas passed away and bequeathed \$10,000 in cash as well as all jewels and Mrs. Leitch's share of her father's estate totaling \$18,000. Then in the 1901 Census, Emily Allworth is listed as living in St. Thomas with four of her children while Mr. Allworth is listed as a dry goods merchant living in Kingsville. Further, in 1909 Mr. Allworth and several others left Calgary on a fishing expedition in the Rockies. They intended to visit certain lakes but their compass had broken and they became lost. They travelled for ten days on a diet of pancakes, fish and tea and towards the end were depleted in rations. On the tenth day however, they found their way to a ranch in British Columbia which was 250 miles and five mountain ranges from which they came. Afterwards, according to the 1911 Census, Emily Allworth again was listed as living in St. Thomas while Mr. Allworth was listed as living in Alberta. Mr. Allworth passed away January 11th 1930 at the age of 87.

**Description of Heritage Attributes:**

Key attributes that embody the heritage value of the Alfred J. Allworth house:

The Alfred J. Allworth house was constructed in 1887 by W. Longland as a 2-storey house in the Craftsman style. The house was to be constructed as 30x34 with a cellar underneath and verandah in both the front and rear.

Exterior features include:

- Cut fieldstone porch (pillars & base)

Interior features include:

- Heated floor installed by Owen Wigle
- Main level hardwood flooring
- Oak swinging door
- 12 lite beveled oak door

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 22<sup>nd</sup> day of December, 2016.

Jennifer Astrologo, Director of Corporate  
Services/Clerk  
The Corporation of the Town of Kingsville  
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