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**RE: DESIGNATION OF 403 HURON STREET
THE ONTARIO HERITAGE ACT, R.S.O. 1990, c. O.18**

Enclosed for your information is notice of the Council of The Corporation of the City of London's intention to designate the property identified above pursuant to Section 29(3) of the *Ontario Heritage Act*, R.S.O. 1990, c. O.18.


Kevin Bain
City Clerk

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cc: Chris Nelson, Heritage Planner
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I hereby certify that the Municipal Council, at its session held on June 12, 2006 resolved:

7. That, on the recommendation of the London Advisory Committee on Heritage, notice of the Municipal Council's intention to designate the property located at 403 Huron Street to be of historical and architectural value or interest **BE GIVEN** for the attached reasons under the provisions of subsection 29(3) of the *Ontario Heritage Act, R.S.O. 1990, c. O.18*; it being pointed out that the owners of the subject property, [REDACTED], have concurred in the above recommendation on the understanding that the land to be included in the designation will be as shown on the assessment roll.
(7/15/PC)



Kevin Bain
City Clerk
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cc: [REDACTED], 403 Huron Street, London, ON N5Y 4J2
C. Nelson, Heritage Planner
D. Menard, Heritage Planner
R. Verhoeven, Documentation Services Representative
Chair and Members, London Advisory Committee on Heritage

Reasons for Designation - 403 Huron Street

403 Huron Street is recommended for designation under Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act as a building of cultural heritage value. It is an important example of the integration of a number of styles popular in the first half of the twentieth century.

Historical Reasons

This house was built in 1939 by Harry Sifton, founder of what is now Sifton Properties Ltd., when he was building custom houses early in his business career. It was the second house to be built on the block of Huron Street east of Colborne. It was built for J. Harold Gillies, Vice President and Treasurer of Silverwood Dairies, who occupied the home for a number of years.

Architectural Reasons

403 Huron Street has strong Georgian Revival elements with some Romanesque Revival influence. The Georgian Revival Style is reflected in the symmetrical appearance. It has three bays on the main floor and five bays on the second storey. The front façade is finished in rusticated stone with the remainder of the building covered in variegated light-coloured brick. It has a gable roof with a row of modillions under the eaves. The windows on the second floor are rectangular with eight over twelve panes and the windows on the main floor have fifteen over fifteen small panes. The lower windows have segmental headings with a single curved smooth stone on either side of a similar keystone. There are wood panels beneath the windows on the main floor. The smooth curved stone tops the Romanesque doorway. The semi-circular area below the doorway arch is filled with radiating wood paneling. There are four pilasters, one on each side of the sidelights, which are decorated with horizontal bands below and on the capital. A band of dentils decorates the lintel and the top of the sidelights. There are two dormer windows with gable heading in line with the windows on the main floor. Renovations of the dormers included installation of pilasters matching those at the front door.

On the west side of the house there are two small windows in the gable, two symmetrically placed nine over nine windows on the main floor and one similar on the second floor. On the east façade there are two small windows in the gable, two nine over nine windows on the second floor and two similar windows on the main floor. Both sides have returned eaves. There is one low chimney at the east end of the house just in front of the top of the gable.

The attached double garage is unusual for the time of construction.

The interior features a number of beautifully crafted details. The entry features a vestibule with a wide arch leading to the paneled main hall. The elegant staircase is entered from the west side up two steps to a landing and continuing southwards up with wainscoting to the second storey. The banister is finely made with square spindles ending on the main floor in a spiral design. On the exposed side of the stairway, decorative wood panels under the treads match the wainscoting.

There are crown mouldings in the main rooms, built-in book cases at the south end of the living room with enclosed cupboards below. The dining room features two corner cupboards with

rounded backs and with an enclosed lower section in the north facing wall. There is also a plaster medallion in the dining room ceiling.

Contextual Reasons

403 Huron Street is one of a grouping of custom built houses on the north edge of London built for the upper-middle class during the Depression. This grouping of houses along Huron Street east of Colborne reflects the social economic stability of the growth of the city as London moved into the post World War II period.

Declaration of Owner Agreement and Consent

I / We are in agreement with the Reasons for Designation as written above and Consent to the Designation of this property under Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act.



April 17/06
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