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**IN THE MATTER OF THE ONTARIO HERITAGE ACT,
1974, S. O. CHAPTER 122**

**AND IN THE MATTER OF THE LANDS AND PREMISES
AT THE FOLLOWING MUNICIPAL ADDRESS
IN THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO**

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO DESIGNATE

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TAKE NOTICE that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Mariposa intends to designate the property, including lands and buildings, at the following municipal address as a property of architectural and/or historical value or interest under Part IV of The Ontario Heritage Act, 1974, S. O. Chapter 122.

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| (a) | Municipal Address | 8 Simcoe Street South
Plan 42, Lot 14
Manilla, Township of Mariposa |
| (b) | Reasons for Designation | See attachment |

Notice of objection to the proposed designation, together with a statement of the reasons for the objection and all relevant facts may be served on the Clerk of the Township of Mariposa before the 13th day of November, 1996.

Dated at the Township of Mariposa
this 10th day of October, 1996

Sandra Lloyd, Clerk
Township of Mariposa

MARIPOSA LOCAL ARCHITECTURAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Reasons for Designation under the Ontario Heritage Act

Property: **MANILLA PUBLIC LIBRARY**
Lot 14, Manilla

The Manilla Public Library is recommended for designation for historic, architectural and contextual reasons. It is probably the oldest surviving building in Manilla.

The history of the Manilla Library begins in 1861 when the Manilla Mechanics Institute formed a literary society. The society would meet weekly to read an essay. This society continues to meet until public libraries were established in Ontario.

The Manilla Public Library opened in 1895. The library did not have a permanent home until 1913 when the library board bought the building from Edward Acton. Since then the library has used part of the building itself and rented out the rest as an apartment. In 1965 the Manilla Public Library joined the Victoria County Public Library System.

The library is on Lot 14 in the Village of Manilla, Township of Mariposa. The village lot is part of a parcel of land balloted to John Galbraith in payment for surveying the Township in 1820. The property passed through several hands and presumably sometime before 1850 the present building was constructed as a family home.

The building description should be read in conjunction with the accompanying photographs.

This pleasantly proportioned storey and a half structure faces west onto Simcoe Street. Beneath the insulbrick it retains its original horizontal wood siding. Most of its original 6 over 6 ground storey and 2 over 2 second storey windows are intact. The distinctive front door frame consists of two wooden pilasters with a decorative wood lintel. At present the front door is not being used. Instead, on the South wall, a doorway was cut into the wall and a window covered over. This was probably done in the 1940s, when the insulbrick was applied. Before this was done the gabled north and south faces of the house were identical.

Attached to the building on the east face is a one storey summer kitchen. At present there are also two sheds attached, one on the east and one on the north side.

Along the east wall the wood cornice is decorative. Presumably the same wood trim ran along the front at one time. The building currently has metal roofing but may originally have been covered with cedar shingles.

A chimney crowns each of the gables. The one on the south gable was probably the same as the one on the north gable. The chimney on the east gable of the summer kitchen is the tallest of the three.