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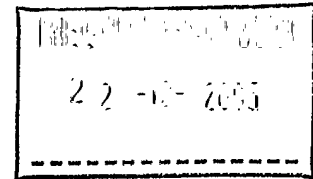
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December 19, 2005

1524920 Ontario Inc.  
809 Dundas Street  
London ON N5W 5P6

Ontario Heritage Foundation  
10 Adelaide Street East  
Toronto ON  
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**RE: DESIGNATION OF 566 DUNDAS 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, Planning Division, Room 603

The Corporation of the City of London  
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**NOTICE OF INTENTION TO DESIGNATE PLACE  
OF ARCHITECTURAL AND/OR HISTORICAL VALUE**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Council of The Corporation of the City of London intends to designate as a place of architectural, historic and/or contextual value or interest the following property in accordance with the *Ontario Heritage Act, R.S.O. 1990*:

<u>Property Descriptions</u>	<u>Publication Date</u>	<u>Last Date for Objection</u>
496 Waterloo Street	December 24, 2005	January 23, 2006
566 Dundas Street	December 24, 2005	January 23, 2006

The detailed reasons for designation of this property can be seen in or obtained from the Office of the City Clerk, Room 308, City Hall, 300 Dufferin Avenue, London, Ontario N6A 4L9 during normal office hours (8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday to Friday). Any person who objects to any intended designation must, **within thirty days** after the date of the first publication, serve on the City Clerk a notice of objection in writing, setting out the reason for the objection and all relevant facts. The *Ontario Heritage Act* provides that where a notice of objection has been served, the Council shall refer the matter to the Conservation Review Board for a hearing.

DATED at London, Ontario on December 24, 2005.

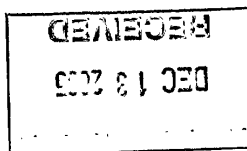
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December 6, 2005

Ontario Heritage Foundation  
10 Adelaide Street East  
Toronto, ON M5C 1J3

I hereby certify that the Municipal Council, at its session held on December 5, 2005 resolved:

8. That, on the recommendation of the London Advisory Committee on Heritage, notice of the Municipal Council's intention to designate the property located at 566 Dundas Street to be of historical, contextual 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 owner of the subject property, 1524920 Ontario Inc. has 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. (8/31/PC)

Kevin Bain  
City Clerk  
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cc: 1524920 Ontario Inc., 809 Dundas Street, London, ON N5W 5P6  
G. Barrett, Manager, Land Use Planning Policy  
C. Nelson, Heritage Planner  
D. Menard, Heritage Planner  
R. Verhoeven, Documentation Services Representative  
Chair and Members, London Advisory Committee on Heritage

### Reasons for Designation: 566 Dundas Street

The house at 566 Dundas Street is recommended for designation under the Ontario Heritage Act as a building of cultural heritage value.

The building has significant historical attachment to noted London figures. Architecturally, it is indicative of the values and lifestyle of the late 19<sup>th</sup> century upper middle class in its expression of elements of both Italianate and Romanesque styles.

### Historical Attributes

This building is situated on land which was granted by the Crown to Reverend Benjamin Cronyn in 1845. The land was subsequently purchased by Thomas Aspden and in 1872 he constructed a single family home which forms the rear of the present building.

Frank Smith, an oil refiner from Petrolia, bought the property in 1884 and rented the house to William Duffield, managing director of the city Gas Company and former president of the Dominion Savings and Investment Society. In 1887, the property was purchased by Thomas Baker Escott who immediately remodeled the structure by adding the turreted front section of the house. At this point he named the building "Oakhurst".

In 1919, Albert Daniel Jordan purchased the building and later established the London Institute of Musical Art. In 1925 the "Oakhurst School for Girls" used the premises and in 1934 the Western Ontario Conservatory of Music took over the London Institute of Musical Art and occupied the premises until 1940. The First Church of the Nazarene purchased the building in 1941 and in 1944 they used it to house people of Japanese descent from British Columbia.

In 1945, Buchan House Limited was established and they purchased the building from the First Church of the Nazarene and the balance of the property from Effie Jordan. In 1973, the London Public Library and Art Museum erected a plaque recognizing the building as a Historic site.

### Architectural Attributes

#### House

This house at 566 Dundas Street is a compilation of two styles of architecture. The rear portion of the house is construction of white brick, later red washed, and incorporates Italianate brackets while the remainder of the house constructed of red brick reflects Romanesque architecture.

The most striking features of this house are the turrets which frame the façade. These turrets have slate roofs with finials, corbelled brick at the cornice and stone window head bands. The centre gable, located between the turrets, has decorative bargeboards, return eaves and four windows located at the third floors. The second floor contains a bay

window constructed with engaged Doric columns resting on paneled woodwork. The front porch is also supported by Doric columns. The projecting centre gable is flanked by four windows with segmental arches. Stone lions guard the front entrance which has double leaf doors with sidelights and a transom.

On the west side of the building is a three story bay window which extends from the gable to the main floor. Segmental arched windows with brick voussoirs are located on the first and second floors. Finally, decorative corbelled brick chimneys and two finials located at both peaks of the main roof complete the splendor of this mansion.

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ACCEPTANCE OF REASONS FOR DESIGNATION - 566 DUNDAS

I (We) am(are) in agreement with the Reasons for Designation for 566 Dundas as written above.

  
(owner)

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(owner)

*Oct 28 / 05*  
(date)

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(date)