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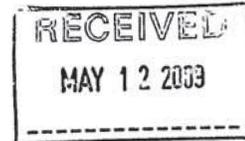


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## NOTICE

IN THE MATTER OF the Ontario Heritage Act,  
R.S.O., 1990, c. 0.18 s. 29(3)

AND IN THE MATTER OF the lands and premises municipally  
known as 2 Collier Street,  
in the City of Barrie, County of Simcoe

### NOTICE OF INTENTION TO DESIGNATE

**TAKE NOTICE** that the Council of The Corporation of the City of Barrie, intends to designate the property including lands and buildings municipally known as 2 Collier Street, Barrie, in the Province of Ontario, as a property of cultural heritage value or interest under the three categories of design/physical value, historical/associative value and contextual value under Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act, R.S.O., 1990, c. 0.18 s 29(3).

### REASON FOR THE PROPOSED DESIGNATION

The cultural heritage value of 2 Collier Street is related to the building's design or physical value as an excellent example of 19<sup>th</sup> century Commercial design typified by its linear rectangular form with an attention to period detail. It displays dichromatic designs in red and cream brick, repeating gothic style windows on the upper floors and is distinguished by its tall proportion and its situation on the site. The style is exemplified by the rounded lower windows, and the large bay windows for displaying goods flanking the central entrance. There is exterior façade delineation marked by bands of coloured brick, applied pilasters at the corners and the symmetrical quality provided by the entrance. 2 Collier Street is a rare example of an Ontario commercial building designed to a specific purpose and fit to a specific site. It is a landmark in the city and the gateway to historic downtown Barrie.

The cultural heritage value of 2 Collier Street is related to its historical or associative value as the former Barr and Henry Carriage Works, and is the only surviving commercial building of its age in the City of Barrie. Originally built in 1884 by the partners James Barr and William Henry, this polychromatic brick building precisely fit the unusual angled corner where the two streets meet and was equipped with the most modern carriage making technology of the time. The three floors were divided by purpose and function. The first floor was the showroom and contained the owner's office. The second floor was where the painting and varnishing was done. This was reached by a special elevator built large enough to hold a wagon or carriage. The third floor contained the trim shop and storage and was accessible from the second floor of the blacksmith shop built behind 2 Collier Street.

The building later housed the Steele China Shop for several decades. The Steele China Shop was an integral part of the lives of many young couples in Barrie as it was for generations of Barrie residents, the place to have your wedding register. The original carriage business opened in 1884 to supply the residents of Barrie with wagons and carriages. Development of the community is reflected by the aspirations of this building and the business housed in it to provide new technology and "modern" conveniences to travelers.

The cultural value of 2 Collier Street also relates to its contextual value as a site which continuously served the community's residents in a variety of ways for over 125 years. The property serves as an integral and visible anchor to the streetscape and remains an early commercial landmark in the immediate community to this day.

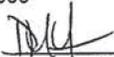
#### Description of Heritage Attributes

The heritage attributes of 2 Collier Street related to its cultural heritage value as an excellent example of 19<sup>th</sup> century commercial and an important link to the history of Barrie are portrayed by:

- Unique location on the site
- Red brick with cream dichromatic brickwork
- Applied pilasters on the exterior façade
- Decorative banding running horizontally across the façade
- Double bay windows on the exterior façade
- Purpose built for the Barrie and Henry Carriage works in 1884
- 3 storeys dominated streetscape.

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 Corporation of the City of Barrie before the 13<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2009.

Dated at Barrie, this 12<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2009

  
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Dawn A. McAlpine, City Clerk

**The Corporation of the City of Barrie**  
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