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October 26, 2010

Owen Sound

[REDACTED]
932 3rd Avenue West
OWEN SOUND ON N4K 4P6



Dear [REDACTED]:

Re: Heritage Designation – Former U.S. Consulate, 932 3rd Avenue West, Owen Sound

City Council at its meeting held on October 18, 2010, adopted the minutes of the Community Planning and Heritage Advisory Committee meeting held on October 7, 2010 which contained the following motion:

"THAT the Community Planning & Heritage Advisory Committee recommend that Council proceed with *Notice of Intention to Designate* the Former U.S. Consulate, 932 3rd avenue West, based on information contained in Appendix 'A' of the 'Heritage Designation of the former U.S. Consulate' report dated September 30, 2010 from the Heritage Coordinator, and attached hereto as a statement of cultural heritage value or interest."

Please accept this letter and attachment as your Notice of Intention to Designate the Former U.S. Consulate located at 932 3rd Avenue West as a property of cultural heritage value or interest under Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act, R.S.O. 1990.

Notice of objection to the proposed designation, together with a statement of the reasons for the objection and all relevant facts, may be filed with the Clerk of The Corporation of the City of Owen Sound before November 28, 2010.

If you require further information, please do not hesitate to contact myself or Sandra Parks, Heritage Coordinator at 519-376-4440 extension 1275.

Yours truly,

Lois K. O'Neill, M.P.A.
Acting City Clerk

c: S. Parks, Heritage Coordinator
Ontario Heritage Trust

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO DESIGNATE

TAKE NOTICE that the Council of The Corporation of the City of Owen Sound intends to designate the property, including lands and buildings, at the following municipal address as a property of cultural heritage value or interest under Part IV of the *Ontario Heritage Act*, R.S.O. 1990.

Description of the Property – Former U.S. Consulate, 932 3rd Ave. W.

The Former U.S. Consulate is located at 932 3rd Avenue West, on the west side of the street, bounded by 10th Street West to the north and 9th Street West to the south, in the City of Owen Sound.

Statement of Cultural Heritage Value or Interest

The Former U.S. Consulate's design or physical value lies in it being one of the few examples of the Late Victorian version of Italian Villa style of architecture in Owen Sound. Typical of this style, it features a square tower at the junction of the irregular L-shaped plan, with large proportions, a variety of textures and shapes, and elaborately decorated wraparound veranda. The structure contains materials and finishes which display a high degree of artistic merit in design and craftsmanship in construction.

Built in 1890, the Former U.S. Consulate has strong historical or associative value because it was used in the early 20th century as the home and office of U.S. Consul Col. A.G. Seyfert, evidence of Owen Sound's place in American shipping. As well, the house was built and lived in by representatives of Owen Sound's business, government and industry leaders. Built by John Wesley Redfern, a hardware merchant and entrepreneur, it was subsequently purchased by police magistrate Alfred David Creasor, and industrialist Colin Russel.

The property has contextual value because the Former U.S. Consulate is important in defining, maintaining and supporting the original character of this street which contains many other heritage homes; it has become physically, visually and historically linked to its surroundings.

Description of the Property's Heritage Attributes

Key exterior attributes that embody the heritage value of the Former U.S. Consulate as one of the few examples of the Late Victorian version of Italian Villa style of architecture in Owen Sound include:

- original 2½-storey irregular plan house
- truncated hip roof of house, shallow pitched porch roof, gable roofs, patterned metal tower roofs
- multi-flue chimney shafts in red brick
- all wood doors & decorative trim on exterior of house & tower, including wraparound porch

- all brick & stone work, including foundations
- all wood sash windows of the original house & tower
- stained, leaded, bevelled & textured glass of all windows & doors of the original house & tower

Further information respecting the proposed designation is available from the Community Services Department, Planning Division.

Notice of objection to the proposed designation, together with a statement of the reasons for the objection and all relevant facts, may be filed with the Acting City Clerk of the City of Owen Sound before November 28, 2010.

Dated at the City of Owen Sound this the 26th day of October, 2010.

Lois O'Neill, Acting City Clerk
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