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THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF PARRY SOUND

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO DESIGNATE UNDER SECTION 29
OF THE ONTARIO HERITAGE ACT

TAKE NOTICE that the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Parry Sound intends to pass a By-law to designate a property located at 62 Gibson Street to be of cultural heritage value or interest.

Property Description:

Lot 14, west side of Gibson St., north side of Seguin St., Plan 2, Town of Parry Sound.
- 62 Gibson St., NW corner of Gibson & McMurray Sts.
- in the core of the original town as identified by the first survey in 1869
- situated directly across from the original Market Square;
- the 2 blocks of McMurray St. are bookended by the courthouse at the east end & by the former home of "Governor" Beatty, the founder of the Town, at the west end.

Cultural Heritage Value or Interest:

The house was built in the late 1890s by James Moffatt, who is reported to have built the neighbouring homes at 64 Gibson St. and 11 McMurray St. In a picture in the Parry Sound Directory of 1898-1899 there are several houses on the east side of Gibson St. but 62 stands virtually alone on the west side.

At the time the house was built, the population of the town was 2500. The 6 block area bounded by James St. on the east, Church St. on the west, Rosetta to the north & Seguin to the south was the legal, commercial & residential center of the town.

James Moffatt, the home's owner and builder, is listed in the Directory of 1898-1899 as an issuer of marriage licenses. In the 1891 census he is said to be a sewing machine agent. He and his wife, Catherine, had 2 sons Frederick & Charles, who continued to live in the house until the early 1960s. In tracing census records, it appears likely that the Moffatts came from the Town of Lindsay. John Moffatt, in the Lindsay census of 1871, was a shoemaker. His children were James, John, William, Mary & Charles. In 1898 there was a John Moffatt living on the east side of Gibson St. just north of Market Square – he was a shoemaker with Moffatt & Gilmour, a Miss M.A. Moffatt was a clerk at the business & James lived across the street on Gibson. Four of the family names & occupation of "shoemaker" seem to verify this.

Heritage Attributes:

- on the NW corner of Gibson St. across from the original Market Square or town centre;
- built in the "East Lake" or "Stick" style, with the structural components defined on the exterior – a style unique in Parry Sound. This style is characterized by interpenetrating roof planes & by the appearance of "panelled" exterior walls;
- probably a "mail order" house. It is identical to one designed by John Palliser & advertised in American Cottage Homes (1878). George Palliser not only conducted a mail-order architectural practice, he also provided final plans based on his client's description of site, budget, materials etc.
- the house is T-shaped with a cross-gable roof, 4 peaks – 3 of them with bargeboard trim & decorative brackets under each gable end;
- 5" cove siding & 5" trim surrounds all windows & doors;
- original front door & transom;
- double hung windows;
- the roofed front porch is supported by 6 chamfered 5" X 5" posts topped with brackets & resting on trim located about a foot from the roof;
- circular decorative trim & tongue & groove siding extend from the border at the top of the posts to the roof;
- the side skirts of the porch are bounded by 10" boards, with ventilation provided by vertical spaced slats within the frame;
- the 1989 garage has been constructed in a style similar to the 120 year old home on the lot;

- the East Lake style has been replicated;
- the gable roof is steep;
- the inset person door on the south side has a chamfered post supporting the overhang;
- the main (car) entrance is herring-bone pattern with a 5" border;
- the foundation of the house is broken-course, squared stone;
- the wall that defines the Gibson St. edge of the property is also of squared, broken-course local stone;

AND TAKE NOTICE that any person or agency who objects to this proposed designation may no later than November 11, 2011, serve on the Clerk of the Town of Parry Sound a notice of objection setting out the reason for objection and all relevant facts.

DATED AT PARRY SOUND THIS 12TH DAY OF OCTOBER, 2011.

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