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# THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF OAKVILLE

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Dear Sir/Madam:

**RE: Proposed Designation of 183 Lakeshore Road East**

Pursuant to Section 29 of the Ontario Heritage Act, we are forwarding herewith the attached notice setting out Council's intention to designate the above-noted property as a property of historic and architectural value and interest.

Also attached for your information is a copy of the staff report that was approved by the Oakville Council.

Should you have any questions regarding this matter, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned.

Yours very truly,

Carol Provost  
Committee Co-ordinator  
TOWN OF OAKVILLE

CP/gc  
CORR-338

cc: J. Magee, Heritage Planner

### 183 LAKESHORE ROAD EAST

The building at 183 Lakeshore Road East was built in 1903 in conjunction with the adjacent and similarly styled Davis Block (187-189 Lakeshore Road East) as a multiple occupant commercial structure. The most notable occupant of the building over the years was the Byers Drug Store. John R. Byers who came to Oakville in 1896 to work as a pharmacist in Urquhart's Medical Hall (182 Lakeshore Road East) purchased the drug store around 1910.

Byers served on the Town Council of Oakville for over 15 years. He was also a member of St. Jude's Anglican Church, the Board of Education, the Welfare Board, the Oakville Rotary Club, and Master of the Oakville Masonic Lodge. Byers was also an optometrist and an agent for the C.P.R. In 1946, he retired after over fifty years of practice in Oakville.

During the years between the First and Second World Wars, part of the upper level was occupied by Dr. F. Murray Deans. From 1941-1944 Dr. Deans was Mayor of Oakville and in 1948 he was a Liberal candidate for the Provincial Legislature.

The building has a two storey facade which continues the Italianate architectural features of the adjacent Davis Block. These features include: double hung windows with stone lintels and sills, masonry bracketing and corbelled brick bands towards the top of the parapet which is capped by a cut stone coping. The storefront has been altered significantly, however the basic form and scale of the original remain intact.

The building at 183 Lakeshore Road East is an important contributor to the downtown streetscape and in conjunction with the buildings on either side, from 179-195 Lakeshore Road East, forms part of an uninterrupted heritage streetscape.