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TOWN OF
PENETANGUISHENE

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December 15th, 1981.

Ontario Heritage Foundation,
77 Grenville Street,
Queen's Park,
Toronto, Ontario.
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Dear Sir/Madam:

RE: Designation under Part IV of The
Ontario Heritage Act, 1974.

Enclosed please find the Notice of Intention to
Designate for three buildings:

- 2 Water Street,
- 83 Fox Street,
- 3 Maria Street,

I trust these will meet your requirements.

Yours truly,

Brian Murrant, Secretary,
Local Architectural Conservation
Advisory Committee.

BM/dv

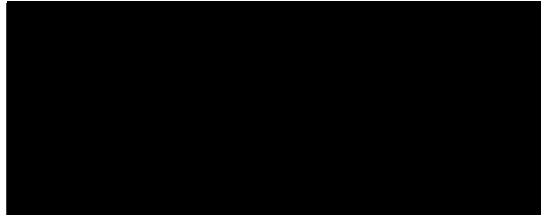
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IN THE MATTER OF THE ONTARIO HERITAGE ACT,
R.S.O. 1980, Chapter 337

AND IN THE MATTER OF THE LANDS AND PREMISES
KNOWN MUNICIPALLY AS "THE BECK HOUSE", 83 FOX
STREET, PLAN 36, PARK PART LOT 7, EAST SIDE
OF FOX STREET, IN THE TOWN OF PENETANGUISHENE,
COUNTY OF SIMCOE, IN THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO.

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO DESIGNATE

TO:



TAKE NOTICE that the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Penetanguishene intends to designate the property, including lands and buildings, known municipally as 83 Fox Street, as a property of architectural and/or historical value or interest under Part IV of The Ontario Heritage Act, R.S.O. 1980, Chapter 337.

Reasons for the proposed Designation:

(As per the attached sheet)

Any person may, before the 15th day of January, 1982, send by registered mail or deliver to the Clerk of the Town of Penetanguishene, notice of his or her objection to the proposed designation, together with a statement of the reasons for the objection and all relevant facts. When Notice of Objection has been received, the Council of the Town of Penetanguishene will refer the matter to the Conservation Review Board for a hearing and report.

DATED at PENETANGUISHENE this 15th
day of DECEMBER, 1981.

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Y. A. Gagné, A.M.C.T.,
Clerk-Treasurer.

CARL BECK HOUSE - 83 FOX ST.

Reasons for Designation

This magnificent house was the home of one of the most prominent lumberman in not only our area but across southern Ontario. Carl Beck's influence stretched from Toronto in the south to Sudbury in the north.

Immigrating to Canada from Germany, Carl Beck arrived in Penetanguishene in 1865 almost penniless. He began his business career by delivering wood and soon had expanded his business into lumbering and wood products. At one point in time the C. Beck Manufacturing Company Limited stretched for over three quarters of a mile along the shore of Penetang Bay.

C. Beck also had business interests in the Penetang Midland Electric Street Railway, Light and Power Co., two stores and the Dominion Stove Foundry as well as others.

C. Beck also served his community as he served on the town council from 1889 - 1896 with the years 1892 and 1895 being those he served as Mayor. He also sponsored a hockey team each year, donated the land for the Presbyterian Cemetery, and donated the original curling rink to the town's Curling Club.

This Queen Anne Revival style home dominates the scene of a fair portion of Fox Street. The original slate roof, now in need of repair, gave this house an extra air of richness. A unique characteristic of this house is its recessed balcony on the second floor of the front facade. It lies behind the exterior wall face with an arch opening.

Another feature of note are the two joined type, brick chimneys which are offset to the north and south from the centre of the roof. The dormers on the high hipped roof have a gable roof with an overhang and add an extra decorative touch as does the spire which adorns the southwest corner of the building.

All windows have a cut stone lugsill but only a few have a more decorative arched head surround of brick.