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City of Belleville

OFFICE OF CITY CLERK

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September 3, 1997

The Chair
The Ontario Heritage Foundation
77 Bloor Street West, 7th Floor
Toronto, Ontario
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Dear Sir/Madam:

**RE: BELLEVILLE COLLEGIATE INSTITUTE AND VOCATIONAL SCHOOL -
JOHN STREET, BELLEVILLE, ONTARIO**

This is to confirm that the City of Belleville intends to designate the Belleville Collegiate Institute and Vocational School as a property of historic and architectural value or interest, pursuant to the Ontario Heritage Act.

A copy of the related Press Notice is provided herewith.

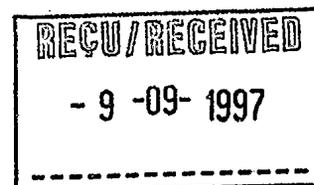
It is trusted that this information will be of assistance to you.

Yours truly,

WCM/nt
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William C. Moreton, A.M.C.T.
City Clerk

pc - Heritage Belleville c/o Councillor Boyce, Chair





THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF BELLEVILLE

NOTICE OF INTENT TO DESIGNATE A CERTAIN PROPERTY WITHIN THE CITY OF BELLEVILLE TO BE OF HISTORIC OR ARCHITECTURAL VALUE OR INTEREST, PURSUANT TO THE ONTARIO HERITAGE ACT

The Council of the Corporation of the City of Belleville hereby gives Notice of Intent to designate the property described below to be of historic or architectural value or interest in accordance with the Ontario Heritage Act, Chapter O.18, R.S.O. 1990, as amended.

THE BELLEVILLE COLLEGIATE INSTITUTE AND VOCATIONAL SCHOOL

(being that property fronting on the east side of Church Street, and west of John Street, and lying north of Bridge Street East, Belleville and also known as the "Belleville Collegiate" or "B.C.I.")

HISTORICAL BACKGROUND AND REASONS FOR DESIGNATION:

1. Belleville Collegiate Institute and Vocational School is an important heritage resource in the community because of its architectural style and the fact that for a quarter of a century it was the only public secondary school in the City.
2. The site is an historic one, having been designated as the location for the first district grammar (secondary) school in 1816.
3. Belleville Collegiate Institute and Vocational School is the fourth school to be located on this property (the earlier ones being a Roman Catholic elementary school [1840's], the Hastings County Grammar School [after 1850], and the Belleville High School).
4. Thousands of Belleville area residents were educated in Belleville Collegiate Institute and Vocational School and attended a variety of social, cultural and athletic events at Belleville Collegiate Institute and Vocational School.
5. The Playing Field covers the buried foundations of the Belleville High School (the outline of these foundations still visible at times).
6. Belleville Collegiate Institute and Vocational School and the Playing Field have been an important part of the community facilities separating the City Centre from the East Hill residential area.

A NOTICE OF OBJECTION TO THE DESIGNATION OF THE ABOVE PROPERTY SETTING OUT THE REASONS(S) FOR THE OBJECTION AND ALL RELEVANT FACTS, MAY BE SERVED ON THE UNDERSIGNED WITHIN THIRTY DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF PUBLICATION OF NOTICE OF INTENT IN THE NEWSPAPER. THE LAST DAY FOR FILING OF OBJECTIONS IS THE 6TH DAY OF OCTOBER, 1997.

William C. Moreton, A.M.C.T.
City Clerk