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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 AT THE FOLLOWING MUNICIPAL ADDRESSES IN THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO DESIGNATE

TO: ONTARIO HERITAGE FOUNDATION  
77 Bloor Street West,  
Toronto, Ontario.  
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TAKE NOTICE THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Norwich intends to designate the properties, including lands and buildings, at the following municipal addresses as properties of architectural and/or historical value or interest under Part IV of The Ontario Heritage Act, R.S.O. 1980, Chapter 337.

- A. LOCATION - SUTTON-CLARK HOUSE - Part Lot 13, Concession 4, former Township of North Norwich.

REASON FOR DESIGNATION:

The Sutton-Clark House is a red brick house built in the period 1850 to 1860. The house design, which recalls the Greek Revived form, contains the Quaker influence in its simple dignity. The cobblestone foundation finish at the front of the house is a feature unique to this area. The back portion of the house, approximately 9 metres by 6 metres, was built about 1850 with a brick bake oven and fireplace in the middle of the structure. The front of the house, 12 metres by 9 metres, contains two front windows, each containing 20 panes. This front portion was built about 10 years later. It is believed that the windows came from New York State. There are original blue glass side lights and transom over the front doorway. The house originally had full length closing shutters on door and windows. An unusual feature is the three wooden window grills under the eaves that allow light into the upstairs bedrooms. The house also has a slate roof and chimneys at both ends of the roof peak.

- B. LOCATION - BECK STORE - Part Lot 1, Concession 11, Village of Hawtrey, former Township of South Norwich.

REASON FOR DESIGNATION:

The present Hawtrey Store was built in the 1870's by George Southwick when the Village of Hawtrey contained two hotels, two stores, two blacksmith shops, and a large shingle and planing mill. The store was purchased from Sam Innis by the late John Beck in 1920 and was initially leased to the United Farmers of Ontario. Soon thereafter, John Beck married and he and his wife operated the store continually until shortly before his death in 1974.

This French Renaissance commercial building is architecturally exceptional for a small village. Its decorative Mansard roof, providing extra head room for the upper storey, was originally adorned with a roof walk with turned balusters, and two distinctive double chimneys. The hooded dormers are relatively simple except for the scroll designs on the sides. The elaborate brackets under the eaves have turned pendants.

The body of the building is finished at the corners with brick groining. The original facade had large four-paned windows surrounding a recessed double door. These windows were topped with a scalloped edge. The front has been covered over but the original windows and door are still inside. The original counters and shelving are found inside the store.

C. LOCATION - CURRIES UNITED CHURCH - Part Lot 18, Concession 5, Curries, former Township of East Oxford.

REASON FOR DESIGNATION:

The exterior and sanctuary of this 1891 Victorian red brick church are original as designed by Guthbertson of Woodstock. Guthbertson also designed the Woodstock Opera House, the House of Refuge and the County of Oxford Court House.

The asymmetrical facade features regularly placed windows, intricate brickwork and a bell tower. The interior dark wooden ceiling has curved portions along the wall and is supported from above by hidden hand-hewn beams. The gallery boasts a detailed wrought iron railing, also designed by Guthbertson, in addition to the pews from the original 1855 Church. Features of the sanctuary include sloping pine floors, wainscoting and stained glass in the original windows.

This building represents a historical focal point for the rural community of Curries. Several families have worshipped here for five and six generations and include members of the 1891 congregation in their ancestry. A Wesleyan Methodist congregation was formed in 1855 and purchased land in the same year with the cemetery property acquired in 1861. Additional property was purchased in 1885 to allow the erection of the present church which was opened on Thanksgiving Day, November 12th, 1891. The name was changed from Zion to Curries in 1903. Twenty-two years later, the church became part of the United Church of Canada.

Notice of objection to the proposed designations, together with a statement of the reasons for the objection and all relevant facts may be served on the Clerk of the Township of Norwich before the 1st day of March, 1984.

DATED AT OTTERVILLE THIS 15TH DAY OF FEBRUARY, 1984.

ROBERT C. WATKINS,  
CLERK-ADMINISTRATOR.