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NOTICE

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TAKE NOTICE the Corporation of Loyalist Township proposes to designate lands and/or buildings of historic and/or architectural value as per Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act, R.S.O. 1990, as amended.

## **DESCRIPTION**

Extra St.

The property involved is described as part of lots 18 and 19, Concession 2 and part of lots 1, 2 and 3, Plan 13A, and fronts on the west side of Link Road and on the north side of a Canadian National rail corridor. The property is developed by the Ernestown Railway Station.

## **REASONS FOR DESIGNATION**

The full exterior of the Ernestown Grand Trunk Railway Station, including original signage, is recommended for designation for architectural and historical reasons. This limestone station, built in 1855-56, has been judged to retain "the most early fabric and detailing" of the nine first-generation Grand Trunk Railway stations that survive out of the thirty-four originally built. This significance was cited in 1992 when the Historic Sites and Monuments Board of Canada designated Ernestown Station a "heritage railway station", owned at that time by Canadian National Railway.

The building provided the surrounding rural area with both freight and passenger service for more than a hundred years after the start of train service in October 1856. Historically, the Ernestown Station represents the arrival of the modern era in land transportation and communication in Loyalist Township. The arrival of railway service in the Township brought the technology most desired by communities in the 1850s. With the railway came the telegraph, the first long-distance, electrically-based communication system. Both the railway and the telegraph connected residents of this township with an expanding world, both for business and family connections across the continent. The Ernestown Station complements other transportation heritage features within the Township marking the building of the first steamboat on Lake Ontario and the construction of the Kingston-to-Napanee Macadamized Road.

## NOTICE OF OBJECTION

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AND TAKE NOTICE that any person or agency may object to this proposed signation by filing with the Clerk of the Corporation of Loyalist Township not later than the <u>28th</u> day of <u>August 1998</u>, a Notice of Objection including reasons in support of the objection.

ANY questions on this matter should be directed to Murray Beckel, Planner, at 352-3361.

DATED at Loyalist Township this 29th day of July 1998.

Diane PEARCE Clerk/Chief Administrative Officer Loyalist Township P.O. Box 70 Odessa, Ontario KOH 2H0