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# TOWN of PETROLIA

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July 19th, 1991

Ontario Heritage Foundation  
77 Bloor Street West  
TORONTO, Ontario  
M7A 2R9

Dear Sir:

Please note the following ammendment to our  
proposed designation of 392 Tank Street.

It was stated that the building is currently being  
renovated for offices for the V.P.P. theatre. It has come  
to our attention that the building is being renovated for  
office space.

It would be appreciated if you could change your  
records.

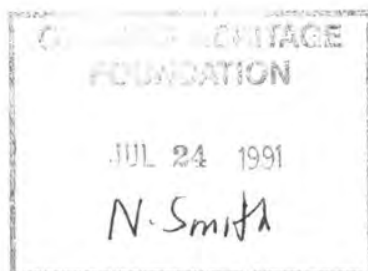
Sorry about the inconvenience.

Yours truly,

*R Brad Loosley /sp*

R. Brad Loosley,  
Clerk-Administrator.

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## NOTICE OF INTENTION TO DESIGNATE

To: Ontario Heritage Foundation  
77 Bloor Street West,  
TORONTO, Ontario  
M7A 2R9

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Petrolia intends to designate the property, including lands and buildings, at the following municipal address as a property of architectural and historical value or interest under Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act, R.S.O. 1980, Chapter 337.

A) 392 Tank Street  
Petrolia, Ontario  
N0N 1R0

### Reasons for Proposed Designation

#### Historical Reasons:

The main reason for the designation of this site is its relationship to the historic oil industry of Petrolia. Built by John D. Noble, perhaps the leading oilman of his day, the building served as a field office for the "Canadian Oilfields Ltd." At its peak this company controlled 500 wells and acres of tanks and pipelines. It pioneered methods of storage and marketing of crude oil. Some of these techniques are still in use today. Noble himself was a prominent local resident. He served as managing director of "Petrolia Oil Company Ltd.", vice-president of "Petrolia Crude Oil & Tanking Company", and vice-president of "Crown Warehousing". He was member of the Petrolia Municipal Board and was elected Mayor (1904 through 1906). Noble died on March 3, 1922. Since his death, this structure has been maintained as private residences, storage area and offices. The now-vacant building is currently being renovated for office space.

#### Architectural Reasons:

A one story, single detached building of stretcher brick bond construction, 392 Tank Street is rather unimposing architecturally. The floor plan is rectangular - measuring 35' x 15'. A single brick chimney is located on the North side and, apart from the voussoirs windows, there are no other significant architectural features. A medium gable roof is trimmed with wooden flush eaves and verges. Three wooded extensions have been added to the original structure. The largest of these measures 10' x 23' on the south side and was constructed c. 1925. The second extension encloses the main entrance in a front porch and the final addition is a back porch/storage room. These were added some time after 1925 but exact dates could not be determined. The building was constructed to be functional rather than ornate.

Any persons may, before the 9th day of September, 1991, send by registered mail or deliver to the Clerk-Administrator of the Town

of Petrolia, notice of his or her objection to the proposed designation, together with a statement of the reason for the objection and relevant facts. When a notice of Objection has been received, the Council of Town of Petrolia will refer the matter to the Conservation Review Board for a hearing and report.

DATED AT THE TOWN OF PETROLIA THIS 17th DAY OF JULY, 1991

R. Brad Loosley  
Clerk-Administrator