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TOWN OF  
**WHITCHURCH-STOUFFVILLE**  
"COUNTRY CLOSE TO THE CITY"

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September 20th, 2002

Ontario Heritage Foundation  
10 Adelaide Street East  
Toronto, Ontario  
M5C 1J3

Dear Sir:

**RE: HISTORICAL DESIGNATION - 19 CIVIC AVENUE, OLD TOWN HALL AND CLOCK TOWER (C10-CL & R01)**

Please be advised that the above-noted matter was placed before Council at its meeting held on September 17th, 2002.

It was the decision of the Council, at that time, to pass the following resolution:

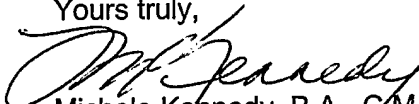
"THAT the property known as Plan 972, Lot 26 and 28, and Plan 51, Part Lot 1, Block C, publicly known as The Old Town Hall and Clock Tower at 19 Civic Avenue be designated as a property of architectural and/or historical value or interest under the Ontario Heritage Act, R.S.O. 1990, Chapter O.18;

AND THAT a "Notice of Intention to Designate" be published in the local newspaper for three consecutive weeks;

AND THAT a letter of "Notice of Intention to Designate" be sent to the Ontario Heritage Foundation;

AND THAT if no notices of objection are received, a By-law be presented to Council for designation of these properties."

Yours truly,

  
Michele Kennedy, B.A., C.M.O.  
Town Clerk

MK/sw  
Attachment

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IN THE MATTER OF THE ONTARIO HERITAGE ACT, R.S.O. 1990,  
CHAPTER 0.18

AND IN THE MATTER OF THE LANDS AND PREMISES AT THE  
FOLLOWING MUNICIPAL ADDRESS IN THE PROVINCE  
OF ONTARIO

**NOTICE OF INTENTION TO DESIGNATE**

TAKE NOTICE that the Council of the Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville intends to designate the property, including lands and buildings, at the following municipal address as property of architectural and/or historical value or interest under the Ontario Heritage Act, R.S.O. 1990, Chapter 0.18.

**Reasons for Designating the Property municipally known as Plan 972, Lot 26 and 28 and  
Plan 51, Part Lot 1, Block C  
Publicly known as the Old Town Hall and Clock Tower at 19 Civic Avenue**

The Old Town Hall was built in 1903 and was originally a concert hall. It was converted into a movie theatre (Stanley Theatre) in 1923. The Village of Stouffville used the building for municipal offices and council meetings between 1959 and 1970. The Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville continued to use the buildings until 1998. It is among the oldest and most culturally significant buildings in the downtown core. The two and one half storey brick building with its gabled parapet, corbelling, plinths, decorative brickwork facade and trimmed windows was an important meeting place and centre of social activities in the Town.

In 1889, Nathan Forsyth built a fire hall on the present site of the clock Tower. Between 1899 and 1959, it was an important municipal building used as a fire hall, for council meetings, as a library and a jail. The square brick Clock Tower was built in 1931 to replace the original wooden hose tower. With the exception of the clock Tower, the building was demolished in 1967.

The Old Town Hall and Clock Tower are representative of the public and commercial development of downtown Stouffville and are important symbols of municipal government. The Old Town Hall precinct is prominently located in the cultural landscape of the downtown core and is an important public space symbolically associated with the Town's identity.

Any person may, within thirty days of the first publication of this notice, send by registered mail or deliver to the Clerk of the Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville notice of his or her objection to the proposed designation together with a statement of the reasons for the objection and all relevant facts. If such a Notice of Objection is received, the Council of the Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville shall refer the matter to the Conservation Review Board for a hearing.

Dated at Stouffville, Ontario this 18<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2002

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Michele Kennedy, Clerk