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The Corporation Of The



Town Of Southampton

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FROM THE MUNICIPAL OFFICE

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April 17, 1998

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Dear Sir:

Enclosed please find a copy of a notice which will be published locally, indicating the intent of the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Southampton to designate a property in the municipality to be of historic or architectural value or interest under the Provisions of the Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act, R.S.O. 1990, as amended.

Yours very truly

Ron Brown
Clerk-Administrator

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c.c. LACAC

**NOTICE
TOWN OF SOUTHAMPTON**

In the matter of the Ontario Heritage Act, R.S.O., 1980 c. 337

And in the matter of lands and premises at the following municipal address in the Town of Southampton,

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO DESIGNATE

Take notice that the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Southampton intends to designate the property, including lands and buildings, at the following municipal address 18 Huron Street North - Captain Spence House to be a property of historic or architectural value or interest under the provisions of the Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act, R.S.O. 1980 chapter 337.

**18 HURON STREET NORTH
TOWN OF SOUTHAMPTON**

REASONS FOR DESIGNATION:

The house is of historical significance as it was the home of Captain John Spence, Southampton's first permanent resident. Captain Spence first settled here in June of 1848 and lived here until his death in 1904. Captain Spence received a gold medal and pocket watch from U.S. President Grant for the heroic rescue of 15 sailors in 1876. Throughout his life he was highly regarded as a sailor, coastal trader and ship builder.

The present house was built circa 1850 replacing an earlier log dwelling that Captain Spence had built at the river mouth. This one-and-one-half storey Regency Cottage is of architectural significance to the Town of Southampton as it retains many of its original exterior and interior features. The original exterior features include rough-cast siding over hand-split lathe and clapboards, six over six sash windows, front door with sidelights and transom window, hip roof and wide verandah. The original interior features include centre hall plan, original pine floors, doors, wainscotting, trim and staircase.

This house is a prime candidate for designation as it sits on its original site and very much resembles the home as it was in the 1850's.