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Sent Via Courier

Ontario Heritage Trust
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Re: Notice of Intent to Designate as a Heritage Property by the Corporation of the
Town of Whitby – Land Registry Office, 400 Centre Street South

At a meeting held on September 8, 2014, Whitby Town Council passed the following resolution:

1. That the Planning Report Item No. PL 65-14 be received as information;
2. That the Notice of Intent to Designate the Land Registry Office, located at 400 Centre Street South, be published as per section 29. (1.1) of the Ontario Heritage Act, R.S.O 1990 c. O.18.;
3. That, if there are no objections to the designation in accordance with section 29. (6) of the Ontario Heritage Act, the Clerk be authorized to introduce the by-law designating the property under Part IV, Section 29 of the Ontario Heritage Act;
4. That, if there are objections in accordance with section 29. (7) of the Ontario Heritage Act, the Clerk be directed to refer the proposed designation to the Conservation Review Board; and,
5. That Council direct Staff to explore a heritage conservation easement and Provincial Heritage Plaque for the property, through the Ontario Heritage Trust, and report back to the Planning and Development Committee and Council with its findings.

Further to this Council direction, please find enclosed herewith a copy of the above-noted Notice of Intent to Designate in accordance with the Ontario Heritage Act, which will be advertised in the March 4, 2015 edition of the Whitby This Week newspaper.

Further information regarding this matter may be obtained by contacting the undersigned.

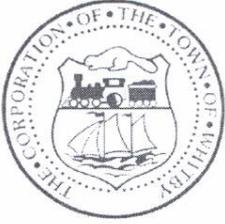
Sincerely,



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Encl.

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Town of Whitby Notice

Notice of Intent to Designate as a Heritage Property

Take notice that the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Whitby intends to designate the property at the following municipal address as property of cultural heritage value and interest under Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act, R.S.O. 1990.

**Land Registry Office
400 Centre Street South
Part Lot 7, 4th Double Range PL H50032
Part Lot 8, 4th Double Range PL H50032
Whitby, Ontario**

Reason for Designation of 400 Centre Street South, Whitby, ON

At the September 8, 2014 meeting of Whitby Town Council, staff were directed to begin the designation of 400 Centre Street South to be designated under Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act. The property meets one or more of the criteria for determining that it is of cultural heritage value or interest.

Statement of Cultural Heritage Value and Interest

The cultural heritage value of the former Land Registry Office can be seen in its design, historical associations and contextual value.

Originally constructed in 1873, the building was designed by Kivas Tully, the Chief Architect for the Ontario Department of Public Works to a recently developed provincial standardized plan. The Ontario County Registry Office building was constructed during a period when numerous registry offices were completed in the province incorporating a number of characteristics of the standard registry office plan. The standard design emphasized incorporating fireproofing elements in new registry offices. As a depository of important legal county documents, typical fireproofing features included iron doors and window surrounds fitted with iron bars, inward swinging casement windows, iron shutters, stone window sills, a slate roof finish and interior spaces defined by barrel-vaulted ceilings.

John Ham Perry, the first Ontario County Registrar in Whitby, contributed to the creation of the Land Registry Act of 1865. The development of a regulated system led to the creation of a standardized plan for registry offices in the province. John Ham Perry was the registrar for the Town of Whitby during a period of rapid expansion from 1853-1896. Perry was also the registrar during the implementation of the new registry office plan and procedures.

Contextually, the former Land Registry Office in Whitby was part of a block that included the surviving Ontario County Court House on the southeast corner of the block, and the Jail on the northwest

corner which has been demolished. During the 19th century, judicial and administrative government buildings such as registry offices, jails and courthouses were often located on one site in communities across Ontario.

Description of Heritage Attributes

Key attributes that relate to the heritage value of the former Land Registry Office include:

- Original one-storey plan with low-pitch roof and front facing gable end with return eaves
- Quality of building construction with a stone foundation, double-brick walls in a buff colour and stonework visible on the north and west facades
- Surviving details from the original 1873 building on the north façade including the division into three bays by projecting brick pilasters and a round-headed arched windows with grey ashlar rounded headers and stone sills supported by decorative stone brackets and decorative brick corbelling
- Semi-circular ashlar lettering incorporating the name of the building in the classical pediment of the gable
- Fireproofing elements including the three barrel vaulted interior room configuration, iron framed windows fitted with iron bars, three paned inward swinging casement windows with stone sills, iron shutter pegs
- The site configuration with neighbouring former Ontario County Court House

Further information regarding the proposed heritage designation of the Land Registry Office can be viewed in the Town of Whitby's Planning Department during regular business hours between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. from Monday to Friday, Tel 905.430.4306, Ext 2205.

Objection

And take notice that any person may, before April 3, 2015, send by registered mail or deliver to the Clerk of the Town of Whitby, notice of his or her objection to the proposed designation together with a statement of reasons for the objection and all relevant facts. If such notice of objection is received, the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Whitby will refer the matter to the Conservation Review Board for a hearing.

Dated at the Town of Whitby this 4th day of March, 2015.

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