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OFFICE OF THE CLERK AND TREASURER
CORPORATION OF THE

VILLAGE OF VICTORIA HARBOUR

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November 13th., 1981

Ontario Heritage Foundation
77 Grenville Street,
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Dear Sirs:

Enclosed please find a Notice of Intention to Designate that
will appear in the Midland Free Press on November 11, 18 and 25th.,
1981.

Yours truly,

Donna Thatcher

Mrs. Donna Thatcher,
Clerk-Treasurer

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Encl.

IN THE MATTER of the Ontario Heritage Act, 1974, S.O. Chapter 122; AND IN THE MATTER of the lands and premises at the following municipal addresses in the Province of Ontario.

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO DESIGNATE

TAKE NOTICE that the Council of the Corporation of the Village of Victoria Harbour intends to designate the properties, including lands and buildings, at the following municipal addresses as properties of an architectural and historical value or interest under Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act, 1974, S.O. Chapter 122.

(a) THE MUNICIPAL OFFICE. WILLIAM AND ALBERT STREETS, NE CORNER. According to village tradition this handsome library building was promised to the villagers by Mr. Waldie of the Victoria Harbor Lumber Company in return for a prohibition vote. Construction was begun in 1914 and completed in 1916, and the deed of the land finally transferred to the Corporation of Village of Victoria Harbour by the Company in 1932/33. The building served its original purpose until the last lumber mill closed in late 1927 and the Company moved from the village. With only minor alterations it has been used as a photographer's home and studio, as an industrial building, as combined offices for the Township of Tay and the Village of Victoria Harbour. Today it houses the Municipal Office of the Village of Victoria Harbour and the Tay-Victoria Harbour Union Library. Resting upon a high stone foundation and built to a design which is reminiscent of the English renaissance revival, though executed in native pine and cedar, the building bears testimony to the solid skills of local masons and carpenters of the period.

(b) THE HARBOUR HARDWARE. WILLIAM AND ALBERT STREETS, NE CORNER. The store was built by the Victoria Harbor Lumber Company to supply the families of the men who worked in the mills, and was popularly known as the "Company Store". In 1903 it was deeded to the Victoria Mercantile Company which continued the general store until Mr. John Petroff bought it in 1928. Mr. Petroff turned the building into a garage and service station. In 1944 ownership passed to Mr. Bruce Eplett who operated a hardware store until it was sold in 1979 to [REDACTED], the present owner of the Harbour Hardware Limited.

This large two-storey, rectangular, wooden building still retains much of the original interior in floors and counters as well as the exterior paint colours of the Victoria Harbor Lumber Company. Most of the original ornament of the facade has been removed but is stored in the upper floor of the building. It is the hope and intention of the present owner to restore the facade, a work which he has already begun with the replacement of the central doors. This building and the Municipal Office together keep alive the memory of the origins and early appearance of the village.

Any person may, before the day of December 18, 1981, send by registered mail or deliver to the Clerk of the Village of Victoria Harbour 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 a Notice of Objection is received the Council of the Village of Victoria Harbour will refer the matter to the Conservation Review Board for a hearing and report.

Dated at Victoria Harbour, Ontario
this 12th day of November 1981.


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