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RE: Canadian National Railways Station (CNR Station), Comber, Ontario
FOOT OF WALLACE AVENUE (See Attached Key Map)
0 CAN SOUTHERN RDWY, 0 RAILWAY PROPERTY
Part of Lot 7, Concession North of Middle Road, Geographic Township of Tilbury West
Now in the Town of Lakeshore, County of Essex, Ontario

Please be advised that the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Lakeshore intends to designate the Comber Railway Station under Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act, R.S.O. 1990, c.0.18. The reason for the designation is to recognize the cultural heritage value or interest of the Comber railway station building. The recognition is confined to the railway building itself.

Details pertaining to the designation and / or the process for objection, are outlined in the attached Notice. The Notice is to be published in the Essex Free Press, Tilbury Times, Lakeshore News and Shoreline Weekly, the week of January 21 to the 25, 2019.

Please do not hesitate to contact our office should you have any questions or require further information.

Yours truly,


Kristen Newman
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Notice of Intention to Designate

Canadian National Railways Station (CNR Station), Comber, Ontario

TAKE NOTICE that Council of the Corporation of the Town of Lakeshore intends to designate the following under Part IV of the *Ontario Heritage Act*, R.S.O. 1990, c. 0.18.

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THE REASON for the proposed designation is to recognize the cultural heritage value or interest of the railway station building. It is located at the foot of Wallace Avenue, in the north end of the Community of Comber. The formal recognition is confined to the railway station building itself. The Canadian National Railways Station at Comber is a one-storey, wood-frame railway station, built in 1872-73. The Canadian National Railways (CNR) Station at Comber reflects the key role of the Canadian Southern Railway (CSR) during a period of intense railway competition. The CSR was an engine of settlement and economic growth in southwestern Ontario, supporting the heavy timber and agricultural industries. The railway was essential to the growth of Comber. The Comber station is one of the few surviving, early railway stations built by the CSR. Its design is typical of the first generation stations built by railway companies in Ontario. It is one of perhaps three wooden stations in Ontario dating from the 1870s.

Character-Defining Elements

Character-defining elements of the Canadian National Railways Station at Comber include:

- its simple rectangular plan
- its wood frame construction and board-and-batten sheathing
- its domestic form and scale, consisting of a one-storey block with a medium-pitch, gable roof
- the projecting operator's bay on the south side
- Classical revival design principles, expressed in: the medium-pitch, gable roof; and the tall window openings with bracketed entablatures and chamfered casings (still legible within infilled areas)
- the influence of the simplified Carpenter Gothic style, evident in: the vertical, board-and-batten siding; plain frieze and base boards; and machine-made wood trim throughout

- the influence of the Italianate style, evident in the wide, overhanging eaves consisting of a plain boxed cornice with bed mould, fascia board and beaded soffits, supported on triangulated eave brackets
- surviving original exterior window and door trim elements
- surviving original interior finishes, including: beaded boarding on the ceiling; a moulded wood cornice; horizontal beaded boarding on the walls; a picture moulding; window trim consisting of drilled corner blocks and chamfered trim; and a wood floor

Source: Railway Station Statement of Significance Contentworks Inc.

ANY PERSON may, within thirty (30) days, after the date of publication of this notice, send by registered mail or deliver to the Clerk of The Corporation of the Town of Lakeshore 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 Corporation of the Town of Lakeshore will refer the matter to the Review Board for a hearing and report.

FURTHER INFORMATION respecting the proposed designation is available from the municipality by contacting Kim Darroch, Manager of Development Services – Town Planner at 519-728-2700 ext. 245 or by email at kdarroch@lakeshore.ca.

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Key Map

