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THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF WINDSOR

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IN THE MATTER OF *THE ONTARIO HERITAGE ACT*
AND IN THE MATTER OF THE LANDS AND PREMISES KNOWN AS
766 DEVONSHIRE ROAD IN THE CITY OF WINDSOR
IN THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO DESIGNATE

REGISTERED MAIL

ONTARIO HERITAGE TRUST
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TAKE NOTICE THAT the Council of the Corporation of the City of Windsor intends to designate the property, including lands and buildings known as 766 Devonshire Road as a property of architectural and/or historical value or interest under Part IV of *The Ontario Heritage Act*.

Statement of Cultural Heritage Value or Interest
766 Devonshire Road – Niels Ortved House
PLAN 211; PT LOTS 7 & 9; BLOCK Q

Description of Historic Place

The Niels Ortved House is located at 766 Devonshire Road, on the east side between Tuscarora Street and Catarauqui Street. It was constructed in 1911 as part of the second phase of the Town of Walkerville developments. The property consists of a well-preserved two-and-one-half storey detached dwelling of brick and stucco with Arts & Craft and Tudor Revival style elements and a one-storey brick garage. The Niels Ortved house was designed by architect W.E.N. Hunter for Niels C. Ortved, the Chief Chemist for Hiram Walker and Sons Ltd..

Design or Physical Value:

The Niels Ortved House is a two-and-one-half storey house designed with Arts and Crafts and Tudor Revival style elements by architect William E. N. Hunter, and was constructed in 1911. The building has an asymmetrical façade, with a moderately-pitched cross gabled roof that has decorative rafter ends. There is a prominent rectangular chimney with decorative stone trim (reminiscent of mock half-timbering) on the south side of the house. The building is constructed of variegated red brick on the first storey and of stucco on the upper storeys. A wide wood trim belt line distinguishes the first and second storey materials. The front façade is embellished with three Tudor arch leaded glass windows: a small door-side window on the first storey, a large centrally-focused opalescent stained glass window on the second storey, and an arched stained glass window on the half (attic) storey. The wood front door is also in Tudor arch shape with decorative leaded glass windows. Both the front door and door side window have cast stone surrounds, which emphasize the Tudor arch shape. Sets of casement windows in wood casing with wide stone sills adorn the first storey, while sets of double-hung sash windows in wood casing and sills adorn the second storey. The front porch is covered by a wood canopy with metal chain tie-backs affixed to embossed medallion-design plates. The building is a fine example of Arts and

Crafts and Tudor Revival style and displays a high degree of craftsmanship and detail, an appropriate addition to the prestigious former Town of Walkerville second phase of development at the time.

Historical or Associative Value:

The subject property is located in the planned community of Walkerville, which was originally owned almost entirely by Hiram Walker, his family, and his companies. The property is part of the second phase of development in the former Town of Walkerville. The Niels Ortved House was one of the executive houses for high ranking managers in the Town of Walkerville and reflects the high quality of life provided by the Walker family companies to their employees. William E. N. Hunter was commissioned to design the property for Niels C. Ortved. Ortved was the Chief Chemist and Fermentologist for the Hiram Walker & Sons Ltd. for 20 years, and then the President of the Detroit Motorbus Company after. Ortved and his wife Mattie were also notable community members, serving as presidents, chairs, and board members of various local organizations. The property was granted to Ortved from the Walkerville Land and Building Company in 1920.

In 1956, David and Beverly McWilliams became the second residents of 766 Devonshire Road. David McWilliams practiced law in Windsor for 47 years and served the country through his war service, being appointed Honourary Lieutenant Colonel postwar in 1998. McWilliams also chaired and sat on the boards of various local organizations and was a former chair and founding member of the St. Clair College, Canterbury College (University of Windsor), and the Greater Windsor Community Foundation.

Contextual Value:

The Niels Ortved House was constructed as part of the second phase of Walkerville's development, which was led by Edward Chandler Walker and his wife Mary Griffin Walker after Hiram Walker's death in 1899. Devonshire Road was the main north-south street in Walkerville, anchored to the north by the Riverside Park near the ferry dock and to the south by St. Mary's Anglican Church. Handsome residential dwellings with large lot sizes, set backs, and square footage were planned to surround the church, which was the central focus of the new neighbourhood. The Niels Ortved house was built on one of the lots that were intentionally enlarged through a re-subdivision in 1903 to support the prestigious real estate for the town's executive and affluent families. Along with the other houses lining Devonshire Road such as the heritage designated McDougall-Stodgell House (712 Devonshire Road), George M. Duck House (709 Devonshire Road), Bell-Coulter House (793 Devonshire Road), and Porter-Coate House (794 Devonshire Road), the Niels Ortved House supports the scenic streetscape and sense of grandeur leading to the St. Mary's Church.

The Niels Ortved House is an exemplary example of the level of detail and craftsmanship that went into the architectural design of the second phase of Walkerville's development. Prominent architects were commissioned to design dwellings for different levels of employees of the brewing company on lands acquired by the W. L. & B. Co.. Specifically for the properties surrounding St. Mary's Church, houses were uniquely designed and highly valued to be worthy of the executive residents they were constructed for. The subject property supports the character of the neighbourhood in its scale and massing, as well as through its Arts and Crafts and Tudor Revival style elements which are also seen on other nearby dwellings constructed around that time.

Description of Heritage Attributes:

Attributes that contribute to the design or physical value of the Niels Ortvad House:

- Built in 1911
- Two-and-one-half storey building primarily constructed of variegated red brick and stucco
- Tudor Revival and Arts and Craft style elements, including:
 - Large moderately-pitched cross gable roof with an asymmetrical facade featuring a canopied entrance off-set from centre
 - Gables with deep eave overhangs, wide plain barge boards, and exposed decorative rafter ends
 - Main side-gable roof is marked by a prominent rectangular brick chimney on south end with decorative stone trim (reminiscent of mock half-timbering)
 - Stucco on the second storey and attic floor, without half-timbering
 - Attic storey leaded stained glass window set in a Tudor arch frame with wood casing and sill
 - Second storey two sets of three double-hung sash windows with wood casing and sills
 - Second storey large leaded opalescent stained glass window in a Tudor arch shape with wood casing, positioned prominently in center above the front porch
 - Wide wood trim belt line between first and second storeys
 - First storey constructed of variegated red brick
 - First storey casement windows with wood casing and wide stone sills
 - Tudor arched west-facing oak wood front door, with panelling and decorative leaded glass windows
 - First storey door-side casement window with decorative leaded glass in a Tudor arch shape
 - Cast stone surrounds on both the front door and door side window, emphasizing the Tudor arch shape
 - Low rectangular porch of concrete, stone, and brick
 - Soldier brick course along the base of the first storey and front porch
 - North corner of the wall beside the door-side window is marked by a protruding column topped by sloping stone caps
 - Wood canopy with metal chain tie-backs affixed to wall by embossed medallion-design plates covering the porch, positioned below the second storey Tudor arch window
 - Ornate wooden brackets support the canopy covering the porch
 - South side large brick porch enclosed with four sets of picture windows with leaded double side casement windows and leaded transoms, wood casing, and stone sills, and three square brick columns. Flat-roofed and covered by the second storey terrace
 - Square brick columns of south enclosed porch extend to the second storey terrace and are stone capped
 - Cast stone drain spouts on the south side of the enclosed porch
 - Double car door detached garage constructed of variegated red brick, with a low-pitched front gable roof

Attributes that contribute to the historical or associative value of the Niels Ortvad House:

- Developed as part of the second phase of development of the Town of Walkerville, particularly the portion that was re-subdivided to reflect the grandeur envisioned by Hiram Walker and his sons
- Built alongside the finest first homes for top executives of Hiram Walker & Sons Ltd.
- Associated with first resident Niels C. Ortved, Chief Chemist for Hiram Walker & Sons Ltd., and wife Mattie. Both were prominent community members
- Second resident was David McWilliams, who was a lawyer practicing in Windsor for 47 years, veteran, and prominent community member
- Designed by locally renowned architect William E. N. Hunter, noted for his ecclesiastical designs

Attributes that contribute to the contextual value of the Niels Ortved House:

- Located on Devonshire Road within the second phase of developments, characterized by large and set back dwellings leading to the St. Mary's Anglican Church, the former Town of Walkerville's pride and central focus of the neighbourhood
- Original Arts & Crafts and Tudor Revival architecture visually and historically connects to the development of the prestigious second phase of historic Walkerville, where each house was uniquely designed and highly valued

Any person may, within thirty days of the publication of this notice, send by registered mail or deliver to the Clerk of the City of Windsor 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 Corporation of the City of Windsor shall refer the matter to the Conservation Review Board for a hearing.

DATED at Windsor, Ontario this 20th day of May 2021
Steve Vlachodimos, Deputy City Clerk & Senior Manager of Council Services



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