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The Corporation of The
Town of Amherstburg

271 SANDWICH ST. SOUTH
AMHERSTBURG, ONTARIO
N9V 2A5

October 13, 2021

Ontario Heritage Trust
10 Adelaide Street East
Toronto, ON
M5C 1J3

RE: Notice of Intent to Designate – 65 – 67 Richmond Street, Amherstburg, ON

Please find attached a copy of the Town of Amherstburg's Notice of Intent to Designate for the property known as 65 – 67 Richmond Street, Amherstburg, ON N9V 1G1, legally known as:

PT LT 13 W/S RAMSAY ST PL 1 AMHERSTBURG AS IN R1296175; AMHERSTBURG;
AMHERSTBURG

Sincerely,

Kevin Fox
Clerk

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**NOTICE OF INTENT TO DESIGNATE
THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF AMHERSTBURG IN THE MATTER OF THE
ONTARIO HERITAGE ACT, R.S.O. 1990, C.O.18, AND THE MATTER OF LANDS AND
PREMISES AT THE FOLLOWING MUNICIPAL ADDRESS**

**65 – 67 Richmond Street
The Town of Amherstburg
Province of Ontario**

NOTICE OF INTENT TO DESIGNATE

TAKE NOTICE that the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Amherstburg intends to designate the property including the lands and building at the following municipal address as property of historical and architectural value or interest under Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act R.S.O. 1990, c.0.18

65 – 67 Richmond Street

**PT LT 13 W/S RAMSAY ST PL 1 AMHERSTBURG AS IN R1296175; AMHERSTBURG
Amherstburg, Ontario**

REASON FOR DESIGNATION:

Statement of Cultural Heritage Value or Interest

65-67 Richmond Street, built 1885, is representative of smaller-scale, wood-frame commercial-type buildings which were constructed at the time, and which historically contributed to Amherstburg's commercial core.

The property is valued for contributing to Amherstburg's historic commercial activity, and particularly recalls Amherstburg's status, and its downtown as a thriving commercial centre in the late 19th century; it was built, and operated as a drug store 1885 – 1927.

The property is significant for its association with druggist, Charles M. S. Thomas (1855-1927), who commissioned the building. He was a fixture in the town's retail sphere and well-known for his service on town council, the school board, civic committees, fraternal and community organizations. He is also remembered for publishing a small newspaper from the building – the Independent – which existed 1883 to c. 1886, advocating temperance, worker's rights and other issues.

The site has contextual value in helping to define, maintain and support the historical commercial character of the area; it is integral to reinforcing the historic high street status of Richmond Street. The building is physically, functionally, visually and historically linked to its surroundings being compatible in form, scale, age and use with the other properties in the area.

Heritage Attributes

The primary heritage attributes (character-defining elements) of the property are its:

- original location and placement on Richmond Street;
- two-storey, rectangular form, and very low-profile hipped roof;

- wood-frame construction and facades;
- fenestration and doorways;
- wraparound storefront with large display windows, recessed entry and secondary, upper-floor entry with transom lights.

ANY PERSON may, within 30 days after the date of publication of this notice, send by registered mail or deliver to the Clerk of the Town of Amherstburg notice of their 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 Town of Amherstburg shall consider the objection and make a decision whether or not to withdraw the notice of intention to designate the property within 90 days after the end of the 30-day period.

DATED at the Town of Amherstburg this 13th day of October, 2021