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March 7th, 2023



10 Adelaide Street

Toronto, Ontario

M5C 1J3

Attention: Ontario Heritage Trust

To whom it may concern,

RE: Notice of Intention to Designate 13 Mountain Street under Part IV of the *Ontario Heritage Act*

Please find the Notice of Intention to Designate enclosed for the property at 13 Mountain Street, Grimsby, Ontario, Canada.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.

Take care,

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## NOTICE OF INTENTION TO DESIGNATE 13 Mountain Street

**TAKE NOTICE** that Grimsby Town Council, on January 10th, 2023 resolved to issue a Notice of Intention to Designate PT LT 170, Corporation Plan 4, as in RO653697; SUBJECT TO A PRIVATE EASEMENT OVER PT 2, 30R-8656 ; GRIMSBY as a property of cultural heritage value or interest under Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act.

**The Reason** for the Notice of Intention to Designate is to recognize the physical, associative and contextual value that **13 Mountain Street** contributes towards the Town of Grimsby's inclusive heritage.

### **Statement of Cultural Heritage Value or Interest**

The residence and property at 13 Mountain Street is a strong example of Gothic Revival Architecture from the late 1800s. The house was built with red clay bricks, produced locally. The brick building features many high pitched gable roofs with intersecting dormers and rooflines, the center of the roof is flat and has a widows walk with a wooden railing.

The windows and doors have a mixture of arched and flat top window headers, some of the windows still have shutters in situ, and most windows have the shutter hinges still in place. The home has had some early alterations, such as the addition of the sunporch which is enclosed with wooden casement windows, and the expansion of the house to the East. The stucco "half timbering" can be found on the sun porch, front porch gable, and the gables on the upper storeys of the house, all of these additions could have been completed around the turn of the 20th century.

The house features three imposing brick chimneys that "corbel out" towards the top, these are features which were in style during the mid-1800s. Each of the gables and dormers features a "sunburst" design in the decorative fretwork, this is an early introduction to the heavily decorated exteriors of the slightly later Victorian style.

13 Mountain Street has direct associations with citizens, and organizations that are significant to the community. The house is the original location of the first Grout Foundry and Agricultural works which unfortunately burnt down in 1879. The Grout foundry was specifically well known for the invention of the horse-drawn grape hoe and sulky plough. A year later in 1880 Dr. Theoron Woolverton built the residence at 13 Mountain Street, as the Woolverton family home where he lived with his wife Olivia Nelles and their two children. Dr. Theoron Woolverton, son of Dr. Jonathan Woolverton, one of the pioneer physicians of the district, who was a brother of one of the most widely known and highly respected fruit men of Canada, Edgar Judson Woolverton. Once the Civil war had broken out, Theoron entered into the service as an assistant surgeon being nominated by The President of the United States. Once the war had commenced Theoron continued to practice in the United States. In 1868 Theoron was promoted from assistant to Navy surgeon. During his service Theoron did extensive medical work on Yellow Fever on the USS Plymouth. In 1890 Theoron Woolverton was appointed delegate at the American Medical association convention.

The property has the potential to yield information that contributes to an understanding of a community. The house was built by the notable Dr. Theoron Woolverton. The structure has the potential to yield more information about the family, their professional practices and their contributions to the Town of Grimsby.

The property is important in defining, maintaining, or supporting the character of an area. The house is a notable building in the immediate downtown area, the property has many views throughout the downtown. The house can be seen from the public parking area behind Main Street East and West, Elm Street, and the intersection of Main and Mountain Street. The property has been used as a commercial space for many businesses in the area. The property is physically, functionally, and historically linked to its surroundings. 13 Mountain Street has become a staple in the landscape when travelling up the Niagara Escarpment. The building is compatible with the surrounding building stock. This downtown area of Grimsby is one of the oldest portions of the town, and retains a considerable amount of the original building stock from the 1800-1900's.

### **HERITAGE ATTRIBUTES TO BE DESIGNATED**

The Heritage Attributes to be designated at 13 Mountain Street include:

- Unpainted red brick exterior with lime mortar
- Stucco and half timbering detail in the gables and sunroom
- Wooden fascia boards, porch columns
- Widow walk
- Wooden front door with glazing
- Roofline with intersecting gables and dormers
- Decorative wooden fretwork "sunburst" detail in the gables
- Three brick chimneys with a brick corbelling detail at the cap
- Cut stone foundation
- Enclosed sun porch with wood windows and flat roof
- Window openings with some wooden operable shutters
- Portico with gable roof and brick knee walls featuring stone caps
- Metal eaves trough with decorative catch basin detail
- Cedar shake detail in some of the gables

### **OBJECTIONS**

Any objection to this designation must be filed no later than 30 days after the date of publication of the notice of intention in a newspaper. Objections should be directed to Bonnie Nistico-Dunk, Town Clerk, Town Clerk, 160 Livingston Avenue, Grimsby ON, L3M 0J53.

### **MORE INFORMATION**

Any inquiries may be directed to Bianca Verrecchia, Heritage Planner at 905-945-9634 ext. 2122 or by email [bverrecchia@grimsby.ca](mailto:bverrecchia@grimsby.ca)

**Last date to file Notice of Objection: April 13th, 2023**