

April 12th, 2023

10 Adelaide Street

Toronto, Ontario

M5C 1J3

Attention: Ontario Heritage Trust

To whom it may concern,

RE: Notice of Intention to Designate 54 Park Road North under Part IV of the *Ontario Heritage Act*

Please find the Notice of Intention to Designate enclosed for the property at 54 Park Road North, 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

### 54 Park Road North

**TAKE NOTICE** that Grimsby Town Council, on April 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2023 resolved to issue a Notice of Intention to Designate 54 Park Road North 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 **54 Park Road North** contributes towards the Town of Grimsby's inclusive heritage.

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

This one and a half storey house, with a gable roof that runs the length of the house, was a common building style known as post-war. The style of this building is known as "Victory Homes", which comes from the completion of the World Wars, and the need for functional affordable homes to house Veterans returning to Canada. The simple construction methods, useable attic space and small floorplan made this style of housing popular.

The property has relationships with several important names from the Grimsby community, including James Marlow and the Gadsby family. The Gadsby Shoe Factory is also located on the neighboring property and it was a place of innovation and production of shoes for Grimsby and all of Canada during the years of operation. There is also a physical connection between the factory and the small house, a wooden frame addition that extends between the structures.

The property is physically, functionally, visually, and historically linked to its surroundings. It is important in the relationship between Grimsby beach, Grimsby Town, and the QEW. Park Road, when the factory was built, went all the way to Lake Ontario. Today it is separated by the highway, it also has a relationship with the rail lines adjacent to the property, the railway used to have a stop located a short distance from the parcel and would frequent the factory to ship its goods. The dwelling is also located along what was the main entrance to the Grimsby Midway Park and Chautauqua campground.

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

The Heritage Attributes to be designated at 54 Park Road North include:

- Concrete foundation
- Steep pitch gabled roof
- Symmetrical architectural features
- Shallow eaves and soffits
- Wooden frame link to factory with bow bay window and gabled dormer
- Unique corner window placement
- Original white and red colour scheme
- Original window and door openings
- Mature landscaping
- Proximity to train and QEW
- Proximity to other Gadsby structures

**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: May 13th, 2023**

