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February 26, 2024

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Please find enclosed a Notice of Intention to Designate for the property known municipally as 31-35 King Street East, Village of Omemee.

The last date for objections is March 26, 2024. If no objections are filed by 4:00 p.m. on that date with the clerk of the municipality, Council will proceed to pass a bylaw designating the property at the next available Council meeting.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

Emily Turner  
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## Notice: Intention to Designate Property under the Ontario Heritage Act

Take Notice that the Council of the City of Kawartha Lakes, on February 20, 2024, passed a resolution of intent to designate the following property under Section 29 of the Ontario Heritage Act, R.S.O. 1990, c.18, as a property of cultural heritage value or interest:

31-35 King Street East, Village of Omemee  
LT 11 N/S KING ST AND W/S STURGEON ST PL 109; PT BLK 16 PL 109 AS IN R167853; KAWARTHA LAKES

37 King Street East, Village of Omemee  
LT 17 N/S KING ST AND E/S ALMA ST PL 109; E1/2 LT 16 N/S KING ST AND E/S ALMA ST PL 109; KAWARTHA LAKES

### Statement of Reasons for Designation

#### Design and Physical Value

31-37 King Street East has design and physical value as a representative example of a Second Empire style commercial building in Omemee. The style, which was popular at the end of the nineteenth century, is relatively rare in Kawartha Lakes, although there are several extant examples in Omemee. The subject property, constructed between 1891 and 1892, is a good example of the style and demonstrates its key features including the characteristic mansard roof, ornate dormer windows, decorative brickwork and pilasters. It is representative of the execution of this style in Omemee in the early 1890s when the commercial core of the village underwent a period of reconstruction after a series of devastating fires.

#### Historic and Associative Value

31-37 King Street East has historical and associative value as the Williamson and Ivory Block. Constructed between 1890 and 1891, it yields information regarding the reconstruction of Omemee after a series of fires in the early 1890s and the development of its businesses in the late nineteenth century. It has direct historical relationships with the history of commercial and economic development in Omemee as home to two important local businesses in the late nineteenth century: Williamson's Harness and Shoe Store and Thomas Ivory and Sons General Store. Through these businesses, it provides information regarding the economic growth of the community throughout the second half of the nineteenth century.



### **Contextual Value**

31-37 King Street East has contextual value as part of the historic streetscape of downtown Omemee. It helps maintain and supports the character of the commercial core of downtown Omemee as one of a range of late nineteenth century commercial buildings extant along King Street East. It is one of a collection of Second Empire style commercial buildings dating from the 1890s along the street and forms part of the historic streetwall along the north side of King Street. It is physically, visually and historically linked to its surroundings as part of the village's downtown streetscape.

Further information respecting the proposed designation is available at the City's Economic Development Department. Any objection to this designation must be filed within 30 days of February 26, 2024. Objections should be directed to: Cathie Richie, Clerk, City of Kawartha Lakes, P.O. Box 9000, 26 Francis Street, Lindsay, ON K9V 5R8. Objections may be filed electronically at [clerks@kawarthalakes.ca](mailto:clerks@kawarthalakes.ca).

Any inquiries may be directed to:

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