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RE: **Notice of Intention to Designate Nine (9) Properties within the Town of Essex
under Section 29 of the Ontario Heritage Act**

At their regular meeting on Monday August 12, the Council for the Corporation of the Town of Essex issued a Notice of Intention to Designate nine (9) properties under section 29 of the Ontario Heritage Act. The following is a list of those properties:

1. 21 King Street East (Harrow)
2. 22 King Street West (Harrow)
3. 94 Talbot Street South (Essex Centre)
4. 98 Talbot Street South (Essex Centre)
5. 102 Talbot Street South (Essex Centre)
6. 314 Queen Street (Harrow)
7. 400 County Road 13 (Colchester)
8. Ferriss Cemetery (0 Ferriss Road, Harrow)
9. Gilgal Cemetery (0 County Road 11, Harrow)

Statements of Cultural Heritage Value and Interest for each property has been attached.

Notice of objection

A Notice of Objection to the Notice of Intention to Designate may be served on the Clerk of the Town of Essex by **September 30, 2024**. The Notice of Objection must set out the reasons for the objection and all relevant facts.

Yours truly,

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Where you belong

APPENDIX A

Arthur Raines House

Municipal Address

94 Talbot Street South, Essex Centre

Legal Description

PLAN 236 LOT 6

General Description of Property

94 Talbot Street South is located on the western side of Talbot Street within Essex Centre. It is comprised of the Arthur Raines House: a red brick house that was built in 1887 in the Folk Victorian architectural style.

Description of Property that has Cultural Heritage Value or Interest

The area of the property that demonstrates cultural heritage value or interest is the area that encompasses the entirety of Arthur Raines House.

Statement of Cultural Heritage Value or Interest

Design/Physical Value

The property has design value or physical value because it is a rare, unique, representative or early example of a style, type, expression, material or construction method.

94 Talbot Street South retains significant design or physical value because it is a representative example of a home built in the Folk Victorian architectural style and uses materials sourced from local brick yards. The house was built in 1886, as a part of a small development of the south end of Talbot Street initiated by William Betcone and finished by Daniel Welsh.

The Folk Victorian architectural style is characterized by its mass, form, and shape of the house, the peaked roof line, and the shape of the windows. These features can be seen throughout the building at 94 Talbot Street South.

Historical/Associative Value

The property has historical value or associative value because it has direct associations with a theme, event, belief, person, activity, organization or institution that is significant to a community.

94 Talbot Street South retains significant historical or associative value because it is directly associated with Arthur Raines, a local businessman and former mayor of Essex Centre who contributed to the development of Essex's commercial areas in the late 19th century and early 20th century.

Raines was a local businessman in Essex, owning several businesses during the late 19th century and into the 20th century. Raines was originally a baggage master when he moved to Essex in 1885 or 1886, later becoming the railways warehouseman. He would have been involved with the opening of the Essex Railway Station in 1888. In 1891, he worked as a drayman and as the local agent for the American Express Company. He kept an icehouse so that he could deliver ice that he was cutting on Fred Robinson's Pond in the eastern part of town. On July 29th, 1903, Raines would purchase a storefront from M. E. Allen in the former Craddock block of Talbot Street and open A. Raines Grocer on August 1st, 1903. He was a beloved grocer in Essex Centre, operating his store from 1903 until his death in 1934.

Alongside this, Raines was heavily involved in politics in Essex Centre and served on several different committees and Council during the late 19th century and into the 20th century. He would serve on Town Council as Ward 2 Councillor from 1894 until 1898 and again in 1900, on the Essex Public Library Board in 1899 and 1901, as Mayor in 1901, 1902, and 1906, and finally as Reeve in 1922.

Contextual Value

The property has contextual value because it is important in defining, maintaining, or supporting the character of an area.

94 Talbot Street South retains significant contextual value because it is important in defining, maintaining, and supporting the character of Talbot Street South. Through its architectural style, and the use of red brick throughout the building, the house helps define and maintain the character of the neighborhood as it is consistent with buildings at 54 Talbot Street South, the Essex United Church (49 Talbot Street South), 98 Talbot Street South, and 102 Talbot Street South.

Description of Heritage Attributes

The key heritage attributes that contribute to the design/physical value of 94 Talbot Street South includes:

- The mass, form, and style of the house;
- All existing window openings topped with brick voussoirs,
- All existing door openings and the surrounding door frames,
- The red brick cladding in a common brick bond,
- The existing roof lines and peaks.

The key heritage attributes that contribute to the heritage/associative value of 94 Talbot Street South includes:

- The buildings location on the western side of Talbot Street South.

The key heritage attributes that contribute to the contextual value of 94 Talbot Street South includes:

- The buildings location on the western side of Talbot Street South.