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THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF WINDSOR

MBA/10803

IN THE MATTER OF THE ONTARIO HERITAGE ACT
AND IN THE MATTER OF THE LANDS AND PREMISES KNOWN AS
841 KILDARE ROAD IN THE CITY OF WINDSOR
IN THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO



NOTICE OF INTENTION TO DESIGNATE

REGISTERED MAIL

ONTARIO HERITAGE FOUNDATION
10 ADELAIDE STREET EAST
TORONTO, ONTARIO
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TAKE NOTICE THAT the Council of the Corporation of the City of Windsor intends to designate the property, including lands and buildings known as 841 Kildare Road as a property of architectural and/or historical value or interest under Part IV of The Ontario Heritage Act:

Statement of Significance/Reasons for Designation

841 Kildare Road

(Plan 490, Lot 11 and south part Lot 9)

Description of Historic Place

The Meirs-Fraser House is on the west side of Kildare Road where it curves into St. Mary's Gate. The house was built in 1904 in the Edwardian style, and has been in continuous use.

Heritage Value

Historical Importance:

This home was built in 1904 during rapid expansion of the Town of Walkerville. The first owner was Albert Meirs, the Secretary-Treasurer of the Walkerville Malleable Iron Company (whose president Harrington Walker built across the street). Albert Meirs also served on the Walkerville Town Council, and as police chief. After Meirs died in 1935, the house was sold to criminal lawyer Gordon Fraser, whose family lived there into the 1960s. The present owners acquired it in 1989.

Architectural Importance:

This house is two-storey, with smooth red brick, stone foundation, and an asymmetrical façade. This house has an unbroken, overhanging pediment on the main front gable, which has a shingled wall; there are two small side gables, one of which has a broken pediment. Windows on the main floors are all rectangular, with stone sills and lintels of rough brick in a slightly flared pattern; all have original or replicated wood sashes and wood storm windows; some have multiple panes; bevelled glass is in two upper panes in front. A tall, square brick chimney is just front of the left side gable. The half-width front porch is L-shaped with smooth Doric columns; the door is panelled with a large single pane; the skirt is of shingles matching the attic gable.

The owners have identified the style as "Edwardian", noting the style elements used for fine buildings during and shortly after the reign of King Edward VII (1901-1910). In some ways the style is an understatement of Victorian styles, on this house with moderate-to-wide eaves, some articulation of the main walls, gables, detailed window surrounds, broken pediment, classical

columns, and spindle work. (Other Edwardian features not used on this house are exuberant door surrounds and eave brackets.) The identity of the architect is unknown.

Contextual Importance:

This location in the former Town of Walkerville is surrounded by homes recognized for historic and architectural heritage. The subject house is located where the street curves into St. Mary's Gate; thus its setback is in-between those of its neighbours. To the south is a heritage designated house "The Cobbles", at 849 Kildare Road; to the north is the F. Allum house (heritage listed) at 833. To the east is a large lot with the Harrington Walker House at 1948 St. Mary's Gate (heritage listed).

Character Defining Elements

Feature that contributes to the historical value of the Meirs-Fraser House include:

- Its association with Albert Meirs, a civic and corporate leader in the Town of Walkerville, and with prominent attorney Gordon Fraser.

Exterior features that contribute to the architectural value of Meirs-Fraser House include:

- Two and one-half storeys.
- Smooth orange-red brick, and stone foundation.
- Overhanging front gable with shingles and unbroken pediment.
- Windows with lintels of rough-surface bricks in flared soldier-course, and stone sills wider than the frames.
- Wood windows on the front and sides of the main floors, with original or replica wood sashes and storm windows.

- Front bay with inset brick panels between the floors.
- Tall square brick chimney on the south side.
- Front porch half-width, with L-shaped floor pattern.

Characteristic that contributes to the contextual value of Meirs-Fraser House include:

- Its location along a curve in the former Walkerville among several prominent heritage houses.

Any person may, within thirty days of the publication of this notice, send by registered mail or deliver to the Clerk of the City of Windsor notice of his or her 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 City of Windsor shall refer the matter to the Conservation Review Board for a hearing.

DATED at Windsor, Ontario this 8th day of November 2010
Steve Vlachodimos, Deputy City Clerk & Senior Manager of Council Services



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