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## THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF PARRY SOUND

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO DESIGNATE UNDER SECTION 29  
OF THE ONTARIO HERITAGE ACT

**TAKE NOTICE** that the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Parry Sound intends to pass a By-law to designate a property located at 64 Gibson Street to be of cultural heritage value or interest.

**Property Description:**

Lot 15 west side of Gibson Street & north side of Seguin Street, Plan 2; part Lot 15, east side of Church Street, Plan 2 designated as Part 1, Plan 42R-18985 in the Town of Parry Sound, PIN 52111-0385 (LT);

**Cultural Heritage Value or Interest:**

The house was built in 1896 for E. J. Vincent, the owner of a dry goods store in the Oddfellows Building on James Street.

The builder was reportedly James Moffatt, who lived at 62 Gibson Street next door & who is also reported to have built the neighbouring 11 Mc Murray Street as well as his own home at 62 Gibson St.

At the time the house was built, the population of the town was 2500. The 6 block area bounded by James St. on the east, Church St. on the west, Rosetta St. on the north and Seguin St. to the south, was the legal, commercial & residential centre of the town.

Edward James Vincent was the 3<sup>rd</sup> son of a teacher & former headmaster of Schomberg School. Upon retirement the parents moved to Bracebridge where they set their sons up in business, Vincent Bros. When E. J. married he moved to Parry Sound & established E. J. Vincent & Co. Three pages of the directory of 1898-1899 show views of the store & its interior. It was a general department and dry goods store & remained in business until 1926.

E. J. Vincent contributed greatly to the town, serving as Councillor for 6 terms between 1898 & 1925. He was elected Mayor for 1926 & 1933 found him Chair of the Public Utilities Commission. At that time these positions were volunteer.

██████████ lived in the house throughout her life & taught in the Parry Sound public school system for 50 years.

**Heritage Attributes:**

- the original shape of the house was rectangular with a gable roof & a bay window on the south side. Each of the 3 peaks of the original house has railing & bargeboard trim;
- the siding is 4 inch clapboard & 4 inch trim surrounds all windows, doors & forms the corner boards;
- the front door is original;
- there are wooden screen doors at the 3 entrances & the upper porch;
- the upper half of the 2 hall windows is bordered with small panes;
- the front door transom is of stained glass & the large front window is topped by a separate stained glass panel;
- except for the front window, all windows are original 1/1;
- the roofed front porch has 4 spooled supporting posts (4 1/2 ") & spooled trim along the roof edges. The vertical members of the 27" high rail are joined by horizontal rails at alternating heights;
- the foundation is of broken course, squared local stone;
- the wall that defines the Gibson Street edge of the property is also of squared broken course local stone;
- the additions have been designed to blend with the original house – siding, boards, window & door trim, window shape;
- the porticos over the main floor back entrances are supported by curved brackets of heavy stock & trimmed with lattice between support & roof. The portico over the upstairs door is similar but lacks the lattice trim;
- the garage is unattached & the rolling overhead door has been designed to look like

the original separate swinging doors, hinged on the sides, barn door style.

**AND TAKE NOTICE** that any person or agency who objects to this proposed designation may no later than October 19, 2012, serve on the Clerk of the Town of Parry Sound a notice of objection setting out the reason for objection and all relevant facts.

DATED AT PARRY SOUND THIS 19TH DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2012.

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