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NOTICE OF INTENTION TO DESIGNATE 4317 CENTRAL AVENUE, BEAMSVILLE

TAKE NOTICE that Lincoln Town Council, on June 19, 2017 resolved to issue a Notice of Intention to Designate buildings on PART LOTS 34 TO 37, PLAN 82 & PART LOTS 132, 134 & 135, CORPORATION PLAN 3; LINCOLN municipally known as 4317 Central Avenue under Section 29 of the Ontario Heritage Act, R.S.O. 1990, c. 18, as a property of cultural heritage value or interest.

Description of the Property

The subject property is located on the east side of Central Avenue, north of Maple Avenue in the heart of Beamsville. The property is comprised of the heritage buildings, which include, the original 1917 building and the Annex (Wing 1) built in 1924, as well as additions to these buildings not to be designated, built in 1956, 1969 and Wings 2 and 3 built in 1958 and 1963.

From an architectural point of view, the Town of Lincoln intends to designate and keep the *original façade and pillars of both the 1917 and 1924 buildings*. Those features create the landmark aspect of this property. It is an imposing force on the rest of the street and is unique to the residential surroundings.

The 1917 staircase and pillars are the unique features architecturally and, at the very least, these must be preserved. This is not discounting the other items that identifies the 1917 and 1924 buildings as excellent examples of American Beaux-Arts and Neoclassical architecture or the building materials used in the construction of the building from the Gibson Quarry and Beamsville Brick and Tile.

Statement of Cultural Heritage Value or Interest

Beamsville District Secondary School has been the only high school in the Town of Lincoln since 1888. Originally Beamsville High School was located on King and William Street. In 1895, the Ontario Department of Education selected Beamsville as the centre of training for its Normal or Model School program which was designed to prepare future teachers. In 1912 the small High School could not keep up with the increase in children and so property was purchased from A.D. Fleming. The building was designed by Walter William LaChance (a Canadian architect who gained a variety of working experience designing, schools, jails in several American states, and credited with the invention of the LaChance patent electric locking device for prison doors) and was built by local contracting firm L.E. Huntsman. In 1924 an addition to the high school was built which included a community hall/gymnasium capable of seating 700 people which would make it

the largest community hall in the community for many years. The hall would be used as a site for political rallies, local entertainment, and other social functions thus creating a closer bond between the community and the school. Throughout the years, Beamsville District Secondary School has changed with the communities needs creating laboratories, music, art, computer and communication rooms, machine, woodworking, auto and welding shops, teaching theatre, robotics, autocad, and gymnasiums and sport facilities were built. The building materials of the original structure also are important to the community as the stone and brick was obtained locally.

Beamsville District Secondary School from its erection to present day has involved the community and has acted as one of a few focal points in the Town of Lincoln. From educating youth to the dominance of its structure around the surrounding area, it could be considered to be one of the cornerstones of not only Beamsville but the Town of Lincoln as a whole.

Description of Heritage Attributes

Key attributes of the American Beaux-Arts architecture in the 1917 building and of the Neoclassical architecture in the 1924 building that reflect its value as an important link to the history of Beamsville include:

- Four imposing columns at the front of the buildings that stand out on the front façade of the school. These columns are smooth (not fluted) and have an Ionic capital (scroll-shape). The base of each column is unornamented and round in shape and is supported on a rectangular plinth. These massive columns are unlike anything else in the town.
- Flat roof with four decorative features complimenting the columns protruding skyward (1917).
- Brick facade

Objections

Any objections to this designation must be filed no later than **September 8, 2017**. Objections should be directed to William Kolasa, Director of Corporate Services/Clerk, 4800 South Service Road, Beamsville ON L0R 1B1.

If you have any questions or require further information, please contact Monika Cocchiara, Senior Policy and Development Planner at (905) 563-8205 Ext 270 or by email mcocchiara@lincoln.ca