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**NOTICE OF HERITAGE
DESIGNATION BY-LAW**

**CULTURAL PROGRAMS
HERITAGE UNIT**

TAKE NOTICE THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Petrolia has enacted the following heritage designation by-law pursuant to the Ontario Heritage Act, R.S.O. 1990:

<u>Property Description</u>	<u>By-Law Enactment Date</u>	<u>By-Law Number</u>
4224 Petrolia Line	August 14, 1995	52-1995

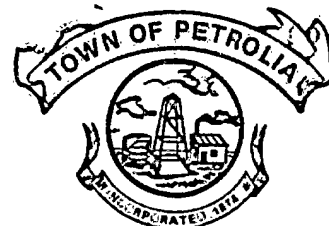
A Copy of this heritage designation by-law may be obtained from the Office of the Administrator-Clerk, Town of Petrolia, P.O. Box 1270, Petrolia, or by telephoning 882-2350.

Dated at Petrolia, Ontario on August 14th, 1995.

R. Brad Loosley,
Administrator-Clerk

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"Canada's Victorian Oil Town"

BY-LAW NUMBER 52 OF 1995

WHEREAS Section 29 of the Ontario Heritage Act, 1980, R.S.O. Chapter 337, authorizes the Council of a Municipality to enact By-Laws to designate real property, including all buildings and structures thereon, to be of architectural or historical value or interest; and

WHEREAS no notice of objection to the proposed designation has been served on the clerk of the municipality;

1. There is designated as being of architectural and historical value or interest of the real property at 4224 Petrolia Street, in the Town of Petrolia, Province of Ontario, more particularly described in Schedule "A" hereto.
2. The Municipal Solicitor is hereby authorized to cause a copy of this By-Law to be registered against the property described in Schedule "A" hereto in the proper land registry office.
3. The Clerk is hereby authorized to cause a copy of this By-Law to be served on the owner of the aforesaid property and on the Ontario Heritage Foundation and to cause notice of the passing of this By-Law to be published in the same newspaper having general circulation in the municipality once for each of the three consecutive weeks.

By-Law Read a FIRST, SECOND and THIRD Time and Finally Passed
this 14th day of August, 1995.

Mayor

Administrator-Clerk

SCHEDULE "A"

All and Singular that certain parcel or tract of land premises,
situate, lying and being in the Town of Petrolia in the County of
Lambton being composed of Plan 17, Pt. Lot 6, Pt. Lot 13,
Concession 11 in the Registry Office for the Registry Division of
the County of Lambton.

REASONS FOR DESIGNATION OF
PROPERTY UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF
BY-LAW NUMBER 52 OF 1995.

HISTORICAL REASONS:

The site itself, located at 4224 Petrolia Line, was purchased in 1879 by a Jared C. VanCamp and the present structure erected in 1881. VanCamp was described as being an undertaker, cabinet builder and furniture dealer. He forged a close association with the London Furniture Company and the premises served as an outlet for that firm until 1901 at which time it was sold to a Martha McGillivray. In the 1940's it was the site of Fraser's Variety Store, a popular local outlet for groceries, fruits, smallwares, and dresses. More recently, it was occupied by Grant's T.V. At present, the new owner, R. Grandis is undertaking extensive restoration work and will open the premises soon as the new location of that family's well established jewellery business.

There is a local story that states that this building was the site of a nitro glycerin explosion early in it's history. As the story goes, a tenant in the second story apartment was attempting to manufacture the volatile substance when it exploded and did considerable damage to the back of the building. No evidence could be found to substantiate this story but in the course of restoration work recently, badly charred timbers were found at the rear of the structure, indicating a major fire at some point.

The Orange Lodge was located on the premises for a number of years and as a result the structure itself has become known locally as "The Orange Hall".

Architectural Reasons:

Architecturally this structure is very typical of the period. Its grouping is row, non related intermediate and its construction is two story, rectangular with a short facade. Brick, laid in a stretcher pattern is highlighted with decorative work which gives an overall pleasing appearance to the structure.

A patterned entablature runs the length of the building between the first and second floors and is supported by decorative concrete pillars at each end. Decorated iron columns, also found in a number of Petrolia's other commercial structures, flank a recessed double door entry to the building and provide additional support for the entablature running above. Two full length windows framed by the four columns mentioned above complete the ground floor facade.

The primary feature of the second story is three semi-circular windows. Each window is highlighted with a curved, raised, decorated panel with a keystone across the top. A line of stonework running horizontally through the middle of the second story contains a split date brickwork. Finials are located at the extremities of the roofline which is composed of projecting eaves supported by ornate brackets and highlighted with a decorated friezework. Raised brickwork set in a decorative semicircular pattern above each window connect to the bases of the eave brackets which are of alternating lengths.

This building is particularly noteworthy in that it is one of a very few located in the core area that retains an almost original facade.