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Planning and Development Services

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Attention: Amanda Dench, Executive Secretary

Dear Ms. Dench:

**Re: Notice of Intention to Designate under the *Ontario Heritage Act*
579 Ridge Road North – Former Ridgeway-Crystal Beach High School**

Please be advised that at the Council-in-Committee meeting held on November 14, 2017, the Municipal Council of the Town of Fort Erie considered Report No. PDS-82-2017 and approved the following recommendations:

THAT: Council approves the designation of the front exterior (west façade) of the 1927 original school building portion of 576 Ridge Road (former Ridgeway-Crystal Beach High School) as outlined in this report, for architectural and historical value and context, under Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act; and further

THAT: Council directs staff to prepare a Designation By-law and provide Notice of Intention to Designate in accordance with the Ontario Heritage Act.

In accordance with Council's direction and the *Ontario Heritage Act*, please find enclosed a Notice of Intention to Designate the above property under the *Act*. A Notice of Intention to Designate will also be published in the Town's local newspaper on December 7, 2017. In the event that you have an objection to the proposed designation, you are required to serve a Notice of Objection on the Clerk of the Town of Fort Erie on or before Friday January 5, 2018. If no Notice of Objection is served, the Council shall consider a by-law to designate the property on January 22, 2018.

Thank you for your attention in this matter.

Yours very truly,

Carol Schofield, Dipl.M.A.
Interim Manager, Legislative Services/Clerk
cschofield@forterie.ca

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Enclosure

cc: Lindsay Richardson, Senior Community Planner



THE MUNICIPAL CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF FORT ERIE

Public Notice

In the matter of the Ontario Heritage Act, R.S.O. 1990, Chapter O.18
And in the matter of the lands and premises known as

Former Ridgeway Crystal Beach High School
576 Ridge Road (Part Lot 23, Concession 2)
Township of Ridgeway
Now in the Town of Fort Erie

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO DESIGNATE

TAKE NOTICE THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Fort Erie intends to designate the front exterior (west façade) of the 1927 original school building portion of the former Ridgeway Crystal Beach High School, described as 576 Ridge Road, being Part of Lot 23, Concession 2 in the Town of Fort Erie, as property of architectural and historical value or interest under Part IV of the *Ontario Heritage Act* R.S.O. 1990 Chapter O.18

REASONS FOR DESIGNATION

The original building is well constructed in the classic gothic collegiate/institutional style popular in the early 20th century. It is a symmetrical, 2 ½ storey building, complemented with a centred and recessed main entrance and landing, leading to the classic twin entrance wood doors and frame, topped with an attractive sunrise design transom window which is boldly outlined by a larger cement/stone frame with a double lintel.

The original school building construct was located with a deep setback from Ridge Road, and with a wide curved paved driveway and sidewalk, giving the building a stately and elegant entrance. The red brick masonry exterior, the symmetrically placed windows and the limestone accents combine with the grand front entrance to portray a fine example of the period's educational building style. The central focus of the building design projects from the centre on all levels and provides a grand entrance with a majestic framework of masonry and glass. The window openings are original along with their cement sills and lintels.

The school was designed by the architectural firm SB Coon & Son of Toronto, the leading school of architect of the period, who designed many prominent commercial, residential and institutional buildings throughout the province around this time. When it was completed in 1927 it dominated the landscape and became a village landmark often referred to as 'the biggest little school in Ontario'.

Further information respecting the proposed designation is available by contacting Lindsay Richardson, Senior Community Planner, of the Town of Fort Erie at (905) 871-1600, Ext. 2504, or by E-Mail at lrichardson@forterie.ca

Any person may, within thirty (30) days after the date of the publication of this Notice of Intention to Designate, serve on the Clerk of the Town of Fort Erie, a Notice of Objection setting out the reasons for the objection and all relevant facts. If such a Notice of Objection is received, the Town of Fort Erie shall refer the matter to the Review Board for a hearing and report. However, any person who has served a Notice of Objection may withdraw the objection at any time before the conclusion of the hearing into the matter by serving a Notice of Withdrawal on the Clerk and the Review Board. Where no Notice of Objection is served, Council shall consider a by-law to designate the aforesaid property on January 22, 2018.

Town Clerk
Town of Fort Erie
1 Municipal Centre Drive
Fort Erie Ontario, L2A 2S6
(905) 871-1600, Ext. 2211

Dated at Fort Erie, Ontario this 7th Day of December, 2017