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Jim Leonard
Registrar, Ontario Heritage Trust
Heritage Programs and Operation
10 Adelaide Street East
Toronto, ON M5C 1J3

**RE: HERITAGE DESIGNATION
2 ONTARIO STREET, BRIGHTON**

Dear Mr. Leonard:

The Council of the Corporation of the Municipality of Brighton is preparing to designate the municipally owned property known as "Bettes Homestead" site being Part of Lot 18, S/S Main Street on Plan No. 28, described as Parts 1 and 2 on RP 38R-4194 known municipally as 2 Ontario Street. I have enclosed a copy of the Notice of Intention to Designate as placed in the local newspaper in addition a copy of the heritage report on the property. I have also enclosed a copy of the draft by-law that will be going forward to Council in the near future.

For your own information, the municipality, in conjunction with the Heritage Advisory Committee is also preparing for the placement of a plaque on the property to recognize its heritage significance. I have taken the liberty of enclosing a draft of the proposed plaque.

If additional information is required to continue this designation, please contact this office.

Sincerely


Patricia Johnston
Planning Assistant

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Enclosures

THE CORPORATION OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF BRIGHTON

Notice of Intention to Designate

TAKE NOTICE that the Council of the Municipality of Brighton, on Monday, May 7, 2012 passed a resolution to issue a Notice of Intention to Designate the property known as the Bettes Homestead Site, Plan 28, Part Lot 18, Registered Plan 38R4194, Parts 1 and 2, S/S Main Street municipally known as **2 Ontario Street**, under Section 29, Part IV of the *Ontario Heritage Act, R. S. O. 1990, C. O. 18* as a property of cultural heritage value or interest. This property meets criteria for municipal designation prescribed by Ontario Regulation 9/06 under the three categories of design/physical value, historical/associative value and contextual value.

Description of the Property

Municipal Parkland and Historic Site

Statement of Cultural Heritage Value or Interest

Bettes Homestead Site was the site of a large, 2-storey white frame Georgian style house built by Harrison C. Bettes c.1844. The Homestead Site was located in one of two core areas for Brighton's early economic development. It was located across from the *Hodges Hotel* built in the early 1800s, not long after the Kingston-York road had been completed. The first stage coach started in 1817 and the hotel became a stage stop and Homestead could have been used for hotel overflow clients in the late 1840s. The Bettes Homestead Site remained a heritage landmark at the junction of Main and Ontario Streets until it was destroyed by fire in 2008.

Upon request, further details regarding this matter are available at the Clerk's office. Any person may, within 30 days of the date of publication of this notice, send by registered mail or deliver to the Chief Administrative Officer of the Municipality of Brighton notice of his or her objection and all the relevant facts. If a Notice of Objection is received, the Council of the Municipality of Brighton will refer the matter to the Conservation Review Board for a hearing and report.

Dated at the Municipality of Brighton this 4th day of September, 2012.

Gayle Frost, C.A.O./Clerk
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Bettes Homestead Site

A Georgian style house was erected on this site by Harrison C. Bettes and his wife Caroline c.1844 and it remained an unspoilt heritage landmark until it was destroyed by fire in 2008. Acquired by the Municipality in 2011 the site was designated under the Ontario Heritage Act in 2012.

The area around the homestead was a centre of Brighton's early economic development; County Road 2 (Main Street) had been the Kingston-York stagecoach route since 1817 and two hotels were built to cater to passengers. In addition nearby Butler Creek provided a convenient source of power and several mills and manufacturing premises were erected on the north side of Main Street.

The Bettes family played their part in this development and the area came to be known as "Bettes Corners" with Harrison's brother-in-law, Ira Hodges, acquiring the 'Hodge's Hotel' on Main Street in 1835, Barney M. Bettes building the 'Temperance Hotel' at the corner of Ontario and Main streets in 1842, and Alexander Bettes erecting a sawmill in 1851. Both Hotel buildings are still standing.



Bettes Homestead, 2006