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TOWN OF NIAGARA-ON-THE-LAKE

HISTORICAL AND ARCHITECTURAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

INFORMATION REPORT

TO

COUNCIL OF NIAGARA-ON-THE-LAKE

Prepared by Niagara-on-the-Lake
- planning department -

TO: Lord Mayor J.P. Froese and
Members of the Niagara-on-the-Lake Council

Enclosed are copies of "Notices of Intention to Designate" concerning the 13 Public and Institutional buildings within the Town of Niagara-on-the-Lake. These buildings are recommended for designation under Bill 176 (Ontario Heritage Act) by the Town of Niagara-on-the-Lake's Historical and Architectural Advisory Committee.

The "Notices of Intention" have to be published in a paper with general circulation for three consecutive weeks with notice also served on the owner of the property, and the Ontario Heritage Foundation.

Included in the "Notices of Intention" is a Short Statement of Reasons for the Proposed Designation. The short statement of reasons is brief for publication reasons and mentions the historic and architectural significance of the buildings proposed for designation.

When the "Notices of Intention" have been served and no objections received after the three week period, a by-law to designate is drawn up for Council's consideration.

Also enclosed in this information package is the new format for the "Designation Package" that is sent to all property owners whose building is being considered by the Committee for designation. In this "Designation Package" is a brief covering letter explaining Bill 176; the intentions of the Committee and an agreement form that is to be signed by the owner of the property allowing members of the Committee to inspect the premises. The Agreement also offers assistance by the Town in procuring deed descriptions of the property and assessing pertinent historic and architectural facts where possible.

I trust this "information report" will aid Council in understanding the complex designation process of the Ontario Heritage Act. If I can be of any further assistance please feel free to contact the Planning Department at any time.

Yours very truly,

G.A. Hynde,
Planner

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IN THE MATTER OF THE ONTARIO HERITAGE ACT 1974 S.O. CHAPTER 122

AND IN THE MATTER OF THE LANDS AND PREMISES KNOWN MUNICIPALLY AS PARTS OF Lots 65 and 66 - Plan 86 - QUEEN STREET IN THE TOWN OF NIAGARA-ON-THE-LAKE IN THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO DESIGNATE

Take notice that the Council of the Corporation of the Town of NIAGARA-ON-THE-LAKE on the 26th day of January, 1976 decided to designate the lands and buildings, known municipally as Pts Lots 65 and 66, Plan 86 as a property of architectural and historical interest under the Ontario Heritage Act S.O. Chapter 122.

Short Statement of the Reasons for the Proposed Designation

The "Old Town Hall" is recommended for designation for architectural reasons as a notable example of public and institutional buildings which marks the rich architectural heritage of the mid-Victorian period. Built in the classical revival style in 1847 by architect William Thomas the courthouse was originally built as a seat of government for Lincoln County. The usage changed from court house to town hall and now houses the oldest public library in Ontario.

The Old Town Hall has a functional arrangement and epitomizes other civic buildings of the mid-19th Century where various uses and occupancies had to be organized within a cohesive design and translated into fine architectural expression.

The Old Town Hall was designed to blend in well with the surrounding buildings and yet with its unique architectural design stands out and becomes the focal point of the Queen Street Streetscape.

Notice of objection to the designation may be served on the Clerk within 30 days of February 15th, 1976.

Dated at Niagara-on-the-Lake this 5th day of February, 1976

Clerk