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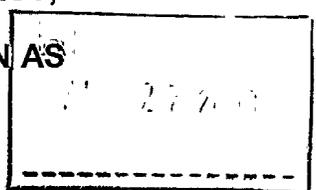
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IN THE MATTER OF THE ONTARIO HERITAGE ACT,
R.S.O. 1990, CHAPTER 0.18
AND IN THE MATTER OF THE BUILDING KNOWN AS
341 FORESTELL ROAD
IN THE CITY OF GUELPH,
IN THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO.



NOTICE OF INTENTION TO DESIGNATE

TO: Ontario Heritage Foundation
The Ontario Heritage Centre
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CONSERVATION REVIEW
BOARD

AND: City of Guelph
Jim Stokes, Manager of Realty Services
City Hall, 59 Carden Street
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TAKE NOTICE THAT the Council of the Corporation of the City of Guelph intends to designate 341 Forestell Road as a building of cultural heritage value and interest under Part IV of The Ontario Heritage Act, R.S.O. 1990, Chapter 0.18.

STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR DESIGNATION

The house situated at 341 Forestell Road is one of the best examples of an important style of local farmhouse in the mid to late 19th century, usually referred to as the "Ontario House". One of the oldest brick houses in what was Puslinch Township, it is beautifully proportioned, well built and well preserved. It is worthy of designation through the Ontario Heritage Act.

This farmhouse was built sometime in the mid 1860s, most likely 1866 or 1867, on a 100 acre farm property first owned by Benjamin Parker. The Parkers are listed as one of the two earliest Pioneer families in this part of Puslinch Township, having arrived in the area as early as 1843. Benjamin Parker sold the farm in 1879 to Thomas Evans and over the next few decades it passed through a variety of hands. In 1967 the farm was sold to the most recent owner [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] is a former reeve of Puslinch Township.

The design is typical of a vernacular style popular in rural Ontario in the 19th century. It combines the symmetrical proportions of Classical design in the layout, and the romanticism of the Gothic in the front gable and gable window.

The house is built of local handmade bricks and is now a rare example of Puslinch Township settlers' skill in design, building and brick making. To retain the heritage value of this property, the designation includes all brickwork and the overall shape and roofline on the front and side elevations of the house. Among the features designated is the front gable which includes a gothic arched window, all eave, verge and gable mouldings, boxed cornices and decorative elements. The front door including transom and sidelights, all original window elements and all wooden elements of the front porch are also incorporated into the designation.

Any person may, before the 15th day of September, 2003, send by registered mail or deliver to the Clerk of the City of Guelph, notice of objection to this proposed designation, together with a statement of reasons for the objection and all relevant factors. If a notice of objection is received, the Council of the City of Guelph shall refer the matter to the Conservation Review Board for a hearing.

DATED at Guelph, Ontario, this 15th day of August, 2003.

Lois Giles, City Clerk
City Hall, 59 Carden Street
Guelph, ON N1H 3A1

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