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MUNICIPALITY OF CHATHAM-KENT



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Ontario Heritage Trust 10 Adelaide Street East TORONTO ON M5C 1J3

Re: Notice of Intent to Designate - Chatham Armoury 44 William Street North, Parts 2, 4, 5 and 7, RP 24R-7401 Community of Chatham (City), Municipality of Chatham-Kent

Chatham-Kent Council, at their meeting held June 22, 2009, approved the Heritage Chatham-Kent Committee's recommendation for the Intent to Designate the exterior façade and interior elements of the Chatham Armoury, located at 44 William Street North, in the Community of Chatham (City), under Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act for its cultural heritage value and interest.

The Notice of Intent to Designate is being advertised in Chatham-Kent Matters on Tuesday, June 30, 2009 (copy attached).

With Chatham-Kent as the owner of the property, the Notice has been forwarded to the Heritage Chatham-Kent Committee only, with the last day for filing a Notice of Objection being July 31, 2009.

Sincerely,

Charlie Toman
Development Planner

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Heritage Chatham-Kent Municipal Heritage Committee

Municipality of Chatham-Kent

In the Matter of the Ontario Heritage Act
Notice of Intent to Designate

The Ontario Heritage Act, R.S.O., 1990, Chapter 0.18 as amended, provides that the Municipal Council may pass a by-law designating property within the boundaries of the municipality to be of cultural heritage value and interest.

The Council of the Municipality of Chatham-Kent hereby gives Notice of Intent to designate the following:

Description:

The exterior façade and interior elements of the Chatham Armoury, located immediately south of Tecumseh Park (formally known as 28 William Street North), now known as 44 William Street North, described as RP 24R-7401 Parts 2, 4, 5 and 7, Chatham (City), under Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act, for its cultural heritage value and interest.

Statement of Cultural Heritage Value or Interest:

The property, including the Armoury, was designated as a military reserve by Lt. Gov. John Graves Simcoe in 1794. The Armoury is constructed in a Romanesque Revival style, combined with medieval features to create a fortress-like presence. The building has become a major character-defining military landmark of Chatham (City) and the former County of Kent since 1905. Reforms established under the Minister of Militia contributed to the construction of the Armoury for the purpose of transforming a citizen militia into an efficient fighting force. This use was continued by members of the Kent Regiment, now called The Essex and Kent Scottish Regiment, until 2006, when they moved to a new location on Bloomfield Road.

The report on the designation of this property, which was adopted by the Council of the Municipality of Chatham-Kent, is available upon request by calling Charlie Toman, Development Planner, Planning Services, at 519-360-1998, Ext. 3050 or by e-mail to charliet@chatham-kent.ca, Civic Centre, 315 King Street, West, P.O. Box 640, Chatham, Ontario, N7M 5K8.

Any person may, within 30 days of the date of this Notice, serve on the Clerk, a Notice of Objection in writing, setting out the objection and all relevant facts. The last day for filing a notice of objection shall Friday, July 31, 2009. Where a Notice of Objection has been served, the Council of the Municipality of Chatham-Kent shall refer the matter to the Conservation Review Board for a hearing.

Dated at the Municipality of Chatham-Kent this 30th day of June, 2009.