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September 21, 2011

Ontario Heritage Trust
10 Adelaide Street East
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**Re: Notice of Intent to Designate - T.H. Taylor Woollen Mill
14 William Street North, Community of Chatham
Municipality of Chatham-Kent**

At the Council Meeting held September 12, 2011, Chatham-Kent Council approved the Municipal Heritage Committee's recommendation for the Intent to Designate the T.H. Taylor Woollen Mill, located at 14 William Street North, in the Community of Chatham, under Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act for its cultural heritage value and interest.

The Notice of Intent to Designate was advertised in Chatham-Kent Matters on Wednesday, September 21, 2011, with the last day for filing a Notice of Objection being Thursday, October 20, 2011, (copy attached).

If no appeals have been received, a By-law to designate the property will be prepared for Council's consideration.

Sincerely,



Ryan Jacques
Acting Development Planner

c Municipal Heritage Committee

Attachment(s)

Canadian Register of Historic Places Nomination
T. H. Taylor Woollen Mill, 14 William Street North,
Municipality of Chatham-Kent

***any field that appears in grey is mandatory**

Identification

Historic Place Name	T. H. Taylor Woollen Mill		
Other Names	#	Type:	Name:
	1	Other	Dover Flour Mill
	2	Other	14 William Street North

Recognition

Authority:	Local Government (ON)
Recognition Type:	Municipal Heritage Designation Part IV
Recognition Date:	yyyy-mm-dd (To be added after passed by council)

Location

Location

Building Number:	14
Street Name:	William Street North
Postal Code:	N7M 4L1
Locality:	Chatham
Community:	Municipality of Chatham-Kent
Upper Tier:	n/a

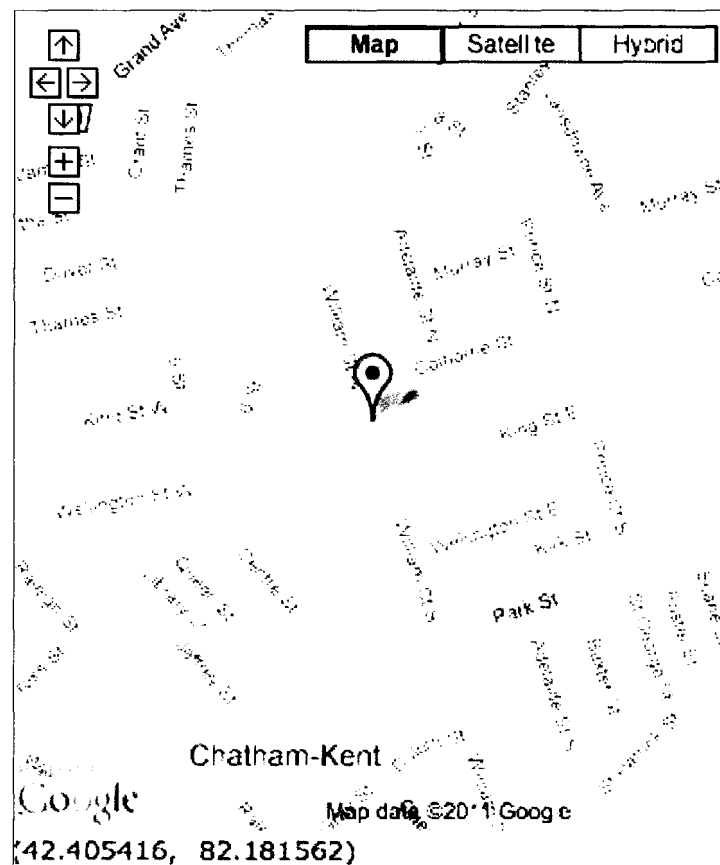
Coordinates

UTM		Latitude/Longitude	
Determination:	n/a	Determination:	Geocoding
Datum:	n/a	Datum:	NAD83
Zone:	n/a	Latitude:	42.405416
Northing:	n/a	Longitude:	-82.181562
Easting:	n/a		
Borden #:	n/a	Borden #:	n/a

Boundaries

Boundary Description:	Part of Lot 60, Old Survey, Municipality of Chatham-Kent.
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Map



Description

Statement of Significance

Description of Historic Place: i.e. Description of Property	The T. H. Taylor Woollen Mill is located at 14 William Street North on the west side of William Street North between King Street East and Colborne Street in the City of Chatham, Municipality of Chatham-Kent. The two-storey red-brick commercial building was constructed in 1869.
Heritage Value: i.e. Statement of Cultural Heritage Value or Interest	<p><i>Historical or Associative Value:</i></p> <p>The T. H. Taylor Woollen Mill is associated with Thomas Hulme Taylor, a prominent Chatham resident, known locally as “the principal industrialist of the 19th century.” 14 William Street North is one of the original T. H. Taylor Company mill buildings. Next to the neighbouring Armouries, this structure is one of the oldest buildings in Chatham and is also all that remains of a once prominent local company.</p> <p>T. H. Taylor got his start in the small settlement of Dawn Mills where he took over his father William’s prosperous grist mill, saw mill and wool factory after his death. In 1854, when the Great Western Railway came to Chatham, just miles south of Dawn Mills, Thomas realized that he would have to relocate closer to the rail lines if he wanted to compete with other milling operations. Taylor moved to Chatham in 1857 and established the City Flour Mills on the corner of Colborne and Adelaide Streets. Within this mill he also conducted a woollen business that allowed him great success as he was the only woollen mill in Chatham at the time. By the late 1860s Thomas was able to secure the land at the corner of William and Colborne Streets, the location associated with the T. H. Taylor Mills today.</p> <p>In 1869, Taylor erected 14 William Street North to serve as a new woollen mill. Approximately 25 people were employed at this early factory that earned \$75,000-\$80,000 annually. In 1872, he built the four-storey Beaver Flour Mill that was located next to the woollen mill to the south. Following the development of the mills on this site, the enterprise boomed. In the 1870s there were six major mills in Chatham, but by 1895 there were only two – Kent Mills and Taylor Mills.</p> <p>After T. H. Taylor’s death in 1891, at the age of 50, his two sons took over the business and in 1907 they moved their woollen mill to the old Chatham Cordage Company building at the northwest corner of Colborne and Adelaide Streets. At this point, 14 William Street North was renovated into office and laboratory space, a purpose it served for a majority of the 20th century. In 1923, the company disposed of its woollen business to concentrate on flour milling, and was ultimately sold to Dover Industries in 1940.</p> <p><i>Design or Physical Value:</i></p> <p>The T. H. Taylor Woollen Mill is a good example of industrial architecture. It is the only known industrial building remaining in Chatham that depicts an architectural style from the mid-Victorian period. It features a Dutch style gable at the end of a clerestory on the façade and a flat roof on the remainder of the building. The date stone located over the double doors on the second storey of the façade indicate its construction in 1869 by builder, W. Smith. The very fine corbelled brick work forms a unique outline on the roofline of the structure. Brick quoins, blind arches, and cast iron tie rod ends are also evident. It’s notable design displays a high degree of craftsmanship.</p>

	<p><i>Contextual Value:</i> Located at 14 William Street North, the T. H. Taylor Woollen Mill is a Chatham landmark located on a uniquely triangular shaped corner lot. The property backs onto the north bank of McGregor's Creek and is located in what was at one time the heart of Chatham's industrial area. This building is all that remains of a once prominent local industry.</p> <p><i>Sources:</i> Chatham Driving Tour Chatham Directory, 1876-1877, 1915, 1919. Community on Thames, 1987. Municipality of Chatham-Kent Heritage Register <i>There Was a Time</i>, Jim & Lisa Gilbert.</p>
Character-Defining Elements: i.e. Description of Heritage Attributes	<p><i>Exterior character defining elements that contribute to the value of the T. H. Taylor Woollen Mill include its:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - two-storey red-brick exterior - industrial style architecture - Dutch style gable - clerestory with eight small, square, equally spaced windows on each elevation - flat roof - brick chimney with corbelling - varied fenestration - date stone over the façade's second storey double doors that reads, "1869" - corbelled brick work - brick quoins - brick blind arches - cast iron tie rod ends <p><i>Characteristics that contribute to the contextual value of the T. H. Taylor Woollen Mill include its:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - location on a unique triangular corner lot in close proximity to the commercial core of Chatham - backs onto the north bank of McGregor's Creek

Contributing Resources		Type:	Count:	
		Building	1	
Area (m²)	2276			
Dates of Significance	#	Type:	From:	To:
	1	Construction	1869	1869
BA	#	Type:	Name:	
	1	Architect	n/a	
	2	Builder	W. Smith	

Function Category and Type

Category and Type	#	Function:	Category:	Type:
	1	Historic	Industry	Textile or Leather Manufacturing Facility
	2	Current	Commerce/Commercial Services	Hotel, Motel or Inn

Theme

Theme Category Type	#	Category:	Type:
	1	Developing Economies	Extraction and Production

Images

	Image 1:	Image 2:	Image 3:
File Path:	n/a	n/a	n/a
Image Type:	Contemporary Photograph	Contemporary Photograph	Contemporary Photograph
Caption:	Façade of the T. H. Taylor Woollen Mill	Northwest View of the T. H. Taylor Woollen Mill	Detailed View of the North Elevation of the T. H. Taylor Woollen Mill
Description:	Featured is the façade depicting the Dutch style gable and date stone, 2011.	View of the façade and south elevation of the T. H. Taylor Woollen Mill, 2011.	Featured is a brick blind arch and cast iron tie rod end, 2011.
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Miscellaneous Info:	n/a	n/a	n/a



Image 1



Image 2



Image 3

Resources

Location of Documents:	Chatham Cultural Centre 75 William Street North Chatham, Ontario N7M 4L4		
Collections:	n/a		
Related Link	URL:	Type:	Description:
	http://www.chatham-kent.ca	Local Government Website	Municipality of Chatham-Kent

Management

Ownership Type:	Private (Corporation)
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