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City of Kitchener
EX INDUSTRIA PROSPERITAS



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February 14, 1980

Ontario Heritage Foundation,
7th Floor,
77 Bloor Street West,
Toronto, Ontario
M7S 2R9

Attention: Mr. R. Rodgers

Dear Mr. Rodgers:

Re: 1754 Old Mill Road, Kitchener

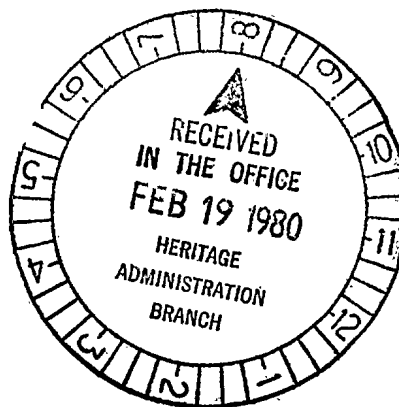
I am enclosing herewith a notice of intention to designate the abovementioned property to be of historic and architectural value within the meaning of the Ontario Heritage Act.

Yours very truly,

R.W. Pritchard,
City Clerk

RWP/pk

Encl.



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(CITY OF)
(KITCHENER)

IN THE MATTER OF THE ONTARIO HERITAGE ACT, 1974, S. O. CHAPTER 122
AND IN THE MATTER OF THE LANDS AND PREMISES AT THE FOLLOWING
MUNICIPAL ADDRESS IN THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO DESIGNATE

TAKE NOTICE that the Council of the Corporation of the City of Kitchener intends to designate the property, including lands and buildings at the following municipal address as a property of architectural and historical value under Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act, 1974, S. O. Chapter 122.

The subject property is located on Part Lot 108, Lots 109, 110, 111, 112, 113, and 114, Part Lot 115, Part Lot 120, Lots 121, 122, 123, and 124, of Registered Plan 578 and part of closed Chalmers Street, 1754 Old Mill Road, and is owned by [REDACTED]. It is intended that the exterior of the buildings on the subject property and the interior frieze in the studio and in the back of the house and the lands located within the boundary of the property will be designated.

The Homer Watson House is recommended for designation due to its historical background and its architectural value. Adam Ferrie, a founding industrialist in the village of Doon, built the now Homer Watson House in circa 1834. Homer Watson, the famous artist of international recognition, moved into the house in 1881. In 1893 he added the studio to the house, and in 1906 an art gallery. Homer Watson lived in the house until he died in 1936. The house saw such notables as Group of Seven artist Fred Varley, and several local artists through the years. In regard to architectural value, the Homer Watson House is a good example of the early Scottish Gothic style.

Any person may, within thirty days of the first publication of this notice, send by registered mail or deliver to the Clerk of the City of Kitchener notice of his or her objection to the proposed designation together with a statement of the reasons for the objection and all relevant facts. If such a Notice of Objection is received, the Council of the Corporation of the City of Kitchener shall refer the matter to the Conservation Review Board for a hearing.

DATED at Kitchener
this 16th day of February, 1980.

Mr. R. W. Pritchard
City Clerk
City Hall
P. O. Box 1118
22 Frederick Street
Kitchener, Ontario N2G 4G7

K-W Record Insert: Feb. 16, 1980
Feb. 23, 1980
March 1, 1980