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REPORT TO: CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS OF GENERAL COMMITTEE

REPORT FROM: STEPHEN THOMSON, ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

DATE: 1992 04 29

REPORT NO.: CL-92-62

RE: DESIGNATION OF "BEATTY HOUSE", FORMERLY KNOWN AS "MOORECROFT", 98 CHURCH STREET EAST, ACTON, LOTS 3 AND 4, BLOCK B, PLAN 31 (FORMERLY TOWN OF ACTON), FILE: RO1/BEATTY HOUSE

**BACKGROUND**

Report No. CL-92-23, dated 1992 02 27, was presented to General Committee for their consideration. On March 9th, Council adopted the General Committee recommendation that directed staff to take all necessary steps to designate Beatty House as Heritage Property. The attached advertisement was published in the Independent for three consecutive weeks beginning March 25, 1992, and notices to the owner of the property and Ontario Heritage Foundation were mailed.

**COMMENT**

The thirty day appeal period expired on April 24, 1992. The Clerk's department has received no letters of objection regarding the designation.

The next steps in the process are to enact a designating by-law, serve a copy of the by-law upon the owner of the property and the Ontario Heritage Foundation, advertise the fact of the passage of the by-law for three consecutive weeks and register the by-law on title at the Registry Office.

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**RECOMMENDATION**

THAT Report No. CL-92-62, dated 1992 04 29, be received;

AND FURTHER, THAT staff be directed to bring a by-law before Council designating "Beatty House, formerly known as Moorecroft", located on Lots 3 and 4, Block B, Registered Plan 31, 98 Church Street East (Acton), Town of Halton Hills, as a Heritage Property under Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act.

Respectfully submitted,

Stephen Thomson  
Administrative Assistant

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Attachment

**Reviewed with Concurrence**

D. Costea,  
Town Administrator

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**AND IN THE MATTER OF THE ONTARIO HERITAGE ACT  
R.S.O. 1990, CHAPTER 0.18**

**AND IN THE MATTER OF THE LANDS AND PREMISES BEING DESCRIBED AS  
LOTS 3, 4, AND PART OF LOT 5 (BLOCK B)  
REGISTERED PLAN 31 (ACTON)  
TOWN OF HALTON HILLS, REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY OF HALTON**

**NOTICE OF INTENTION TO DESIGNATE**

TAKE NOTICE that the Council for the Corporation of the Town of Halton Hills intends to designate "Beatty House" located at 98 Church Street East (Acton), as a building of architectural and historic interest under Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act.

**REASONS FOR DESIGNATION**

"Beatty House" formerly known as "Moorecroft"

"Moorecroft" was built as a single family home in 1896. Since that time it has been a dominant residence in Acton.

Historically, the first two owners of the home were significant local figures. H.P. Moore, the original owner, was the editor and owner of The Free Press, Acton's local newspaper. The house was sold to Wesley Beatty, manager of the Acton Tanning Company in 1926.

The house was built for H.P. Moore, by John Cameron, an Acton builder, to a design by J.A. Ellis, a Toronto architect.

Architecturally, the house is two-storey with a large open attic space and basement. The silhouette of the house is asymmetrical typical of the "Queen Anne" style. The front of the house is dominated by a shallow curved two-storey balcony cover. The verandah and balcony roofs are supported on wood Ionic columns. The house is constructed of red brick with a sandstone base and a sloped slate clad roof.

The interior of the house is graced with a panelled and carved oak main stair located off the front entry hall. The stairwell receives natural light through three stained glass windows. Also, the front parlour and dining room have intricately worked wood and tile fireplaces, the former incorporating a stained glass window. Second floor bedrooms are equipped with unique operable transoms over entrance doors for cross ventilation.

Any person may, within 30 days of the first publication of this notice, send by registered mail or deliver to the Clerk of the Town of Halton Hills, a notice of his or her objection to the proposed designation, together with the reasons for the objection and all relevant facts.

If such notice is received, the Council for the Town of Halton Hills shall refer the matter to the Conservation Board for a hearing.

DATED at the Town of Halton Hills this 25th day of March, 1992.

*J.A.*  
*April 8/92*

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