

8.0 STATEMENT OF CULTURAL HERITAGE VALUE OR INTEREST

Introduction and Description of Property

168 High Street is located in proximity to the historic core of the Fort Erie. It consists of a one-and-a-half storey frame Queen Anne style residence, with an octagonal tower, constructed between 1888 and 1891.

Statement of Cultural Heritage Value or Interest

168 High Street is a representative example of the Queen Anne style. The one-and-a-half storey frame house built on a T-shaped plan has a cross-gable roof with gable dormers, varied rectangular window openings and a tower, all of which are typical of Queen Anne style residences. horizontal emphasis through its exterior cladding and the verandah wrap around porch with wood posts and plain spindle work and detailing are also typical of the Queen Anne style.

168 High Street has contextual value because it has direct associations with the 19th and 20th century summer home development as a conduit for economic prosperity and subsequent growth of the community, a theme that is significant to the greater Fort Erie area. 168 High Street was built as the summer residence of a wealthy American family, thus influencing pattern of settlement and development in the community along the north shores of Lake Erie.

Cultural Heritage Attributes

- Location on the corner of Bertie and High Street in Fort Erie
- Overall height, scale, massing
- Asymmetrical façade and side elevations
- One-and-a-half storey frame T-shaped floorplan Queen Anne style house with rubble stone foundation
- Cross gable roof with gable dormers
- Verandah with woodwork
- Corner tower

9.0 MAP OF HERITAGE ATTRIBUTES

The following figure displays the heritage attributes as outlined above (Map 3).



Map 3: Map of Heritage Attributes of 168 High Street

10.0 CONCLUSIONS

O. Reg. 9/06 of the *OHA* requires that to be designated, a property must meet at least two of the criteria. 168 High Street meets two of the criteria for determining CHVI as outlined in *O. Reg. 9/06*, therefore it is worthy of designation under *O. Reg. 9/06* of the *OHA*.

The *Provincial Policy Statement* notes that CHVI is bestowed upon cultural heritage resources by communities (MMAH 2020). Accordingly, the system by which heritage is governed in this province places an emphasis on the decision-making of local municipalities in determining CHVI. It is hoped that the information presented in this report will be useful in those deliberations.