

8.0 STATEMENT OF CULTURAL HERITAGE VALUE OR INTEREST

Introduction and Description of Property

487 Niagara Boulevard is located along a residential street adjacent to the Niagara River between Bridgeburg and Fort Erie. The one-and-a-half-storey house is an early 1792-built cottage in the Regency architectural style that has since been heavily altered.

Statement of Cultural Heritage Value or Interest

487 Niagara Boulevard has associative value for the direct association with the Wintemute family, an early United Empire Loyalist family who moved from Pennsylvania in the 1780s and built one of the earliest homes in the Fort Erie area. The subject property was built for the Wintemutes, a prominent local family recognized for their wartime contributions. Philip Wintemute and his wife Mary arrived in Niagara in 1778 with their family. All of their six sons served in the Butler's Rangers. Abraham Wintemute, a son of Phillip and Mary Wintemute, petitioned King George III for land due to him and his family for service during the American Revolution in 1786 and went on to occupy the subject property, and remained in the Wintemute family ownership for over a century. Historically, the house exhibited a significant amount of ornate detail as expressed in the fine woodwork, the chimneys and overall craftsmanship, reinforcing the prominence and wealth that the Wintemute family displayed to the community. The family's significance to the community is further reinforced by the naming of nearby "Wintemute Street".

487 Niagara Boulevard has contextual value because it is historically linked to its surroundings. The property is adjacent to a building that was built as a store for John Wintemute, Abraham's brother, the structure can be seen in the only existing historic photo of the subject house. 487 Niagara Blvd. is further linked historically linked to its surroundings through the nearby street named for the family: "Wintemute Street".

Cultural Heritage Attributes

- Form of the 1792-built house
- Prominent location adjacent to the Niagara River, fronting onto the River Road now Niagara Boulevard
- Proximity to "Wintemute Street"

9.0 MAP OF HERITAGE ATTRIBUTES

The following figures display the heritage attributes as outlined above (Map 3).



Map 3: Map of Heritage Attributes of 487 Niagara Boulevard

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. 487 Niagara Boulevard 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.