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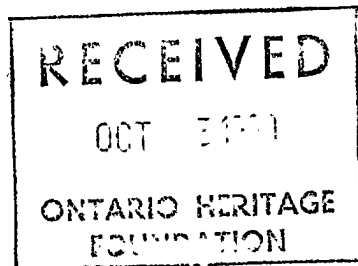
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September 25, 1989.

Ontario Heritage Foundation,
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Dear Sir:

RE: Heritage Designation - By-Law #89-165
"Stisted Agricultural Society Building & Site"

I am enclosing herewith a certified copy of By-Law 89-165, "To Designate the property known municipally as the Stisted Agricultural Society Building and Site, part of Lot 15, Concession 9, formerly Township of Stisted, now Town of Huntsville, District Municipality of Muskoka, designated as Part 6 on Plan 35R-7752, as being of Architectural and Historical Value or Interest", which was passed by Town Council on Monday, September 25th, 1989.

Trusting the enclosed is in order.

Yours very truly,

E. H. Hares.

E. H. Hares, A.M.C.T.,
Clerk of the Corporation of the
Town of Huntsville.

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Encl.

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF HUNTSVILLE

BY-LAW NUMBER 89-165

A By-Law to Designate the Property known Municipally as the "Stisted Agricultural Society Building and Site", Part of Lot 15, Concession 9, formerly Township of Stisted, now Town of Huntsville, District Municipality of Muskoka, designated as Part 6 on Plan 35R-7752, as being of Architectural and Historical Value or Interest.

WHEREAS Section 29 of The Ontario Heritage Act, 1974 authorizes the Council of a municipality to enact by-laws to designate real property, including all buildings and structures thereon, to be of architectural or historic value or interest;


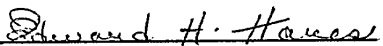
AND WHEREAS the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Huntsville has caused to be served on the owners of the lands and premises known as the "Stisted Agricultural Society Building and Site", Huntsville, Ontario and upon the Ontario Heritage Foundation, notice of intention to so designate the aforesaid real property and has caused such notice of intention to be published in the same newspaper having general circulation in the municipality once for each of three consecutive weeks;

AND WHEREAS no notice of objection to the proposed designation has been served on the Clerk of the Municipality;


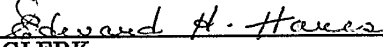
NOW THEREFORE the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Huntsville enacts as follows:

1. There is designated as being of architectural and historical value or interest the real property known as the "Stisted Agricultural Society Building and Site", Huntsville, Ontario, more particularly described in Schedule 'A' attached hereto.
2. The Municipal solicitor is hereby authorized to cause a copy of this by-law to be registered against the property described in Schedule 'A' attached hereto, in the proper land registry office.
3. The Clerk is hereby authorized to cause a copy of this by-law to be served on the owner of the aforesaid property and on the Ontario Heritage Foundation and to cause notice of the passing of this by-law to be published in the same newspaper having general circulation in the municipality once for each three consecutive weeks.

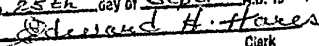
READ a first time this 25th day of September A.D., 1989.


MAYOR 
CLERK

READ a second and third time and finally passed this 25th day of September A.D., 1989.


MAYOR 
CLERK

I, E. H. Hawes, Clerk of the Corporation of the Town of Huntsville, hereby certify that the above is a true and correct copy of a (by-law, resolution) passed by the Municipal Council of the Town of Huntsville on the 25th day of Sept. A.D. 1989.


Clerk

REASONS FOR DESIGNATION

STISTED AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY BUILDING AND SITE (Part of Lot 15, Concession 9, formerly Township of Stisted, now Town of Huntsville, District Municipality of Muskoka, designated as Part 6 on Plan 35R-7752)

This Stisted Agricultural Society Building sits on one corner of a large field surrounded by forest on three sides and a gravel side road on the fourth. Animal stalls and sheds constructed on rough timber are located along the road and face onto the field.

The simple, rectangular structure with a gable roof and single entrance door faces the road. The building is roughly constructed and looks very much like an early 20th century barn.

The building is constructed of wood and clad with unstained, weathered siding. Some of the siding is vertical board and batten although this not consistent.

There is a lean-to shed attached to the rear of the building and the gable roof steps down about six feet from the entrance. The cladding on both of these areas is of horizontal boards.

Six rectangular windows are located at each side of the building. The roof is clad in ribbed sheet metal and there is a small, red brick chimney located in the centre ridge of the roof.

The original roof was likely covered in cedar shingles and if roofing material is replaced, it should match the present or original material.

The exterior wood siding has been patched at the rear of the building. Repair should match the existing widths and lengths of board siding. The wooden "water table board" is discontinuous and should be installed consistently along the base of the building or removed.

Internal cross-bracing ties or sheathing is required to eliminate the logs used to buttress one wall.

Repairs should be in keeping with the original materials and special attention should be given to the preservation of the site, the existing wood structure, windows and roof.

The Stisted Agricultural Society Building was built in 1890 by William Quinn of Yearly as the Stisted Township Hall and used in that capacity until 1971.

The Stisted Agricultural Society (formed in 1885) leased the building commencing in 1890 and have been holding annual Agricultural Fairs at the site and in the building right up to the present day.

In 1903, the Agricultural Society had 83 members and in 1905, there were over 600 entries at the Fair.

In 1912, the Hall was enlarged. In 1914, a grandstand was built, which eventually fell down. In 1925, a cattle pen was built. In 1946, the Fair changed to a two day affair. In 1965, a portable electric plant was brought into the fair and electric lights were used.

In 1971, ownership of the building was transferred to the Town of Huntsville. More repairs were made.

The Stisted (Ashworth) Agricultural Society was the first one in North Muskoka.
