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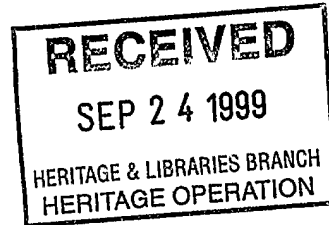
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Ontario Heritage Foundation  
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Attention: Mr. Allan Gotleib, Chair

Dear Mr. Gotleib:

**Re: Designation of Three Properties in the County of Prince Edward  
under Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act, R.S.O. 1990, Chapter O.18**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Ontario Heritage Act, please find enclosed copies of By-law No. 275-1999, No. 276-1999 and No. 277-1999 passed by Council on August 9, 1999 designating the County Grandstand at the Fairgrounds, Bethesda United Church and Driveshed and the Regent Theatre under the Ontario Heritage Act. The Notice of Passing will be published in an upcoming issue of the County Guide.

I trust you will find this in order.

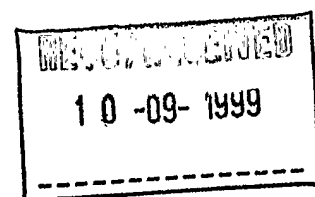
Yours truly,

Elizabeth Gardzinski  
Deputy Planning Director/Secretary, PEHAC

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Encl.

cc: Court Noxon, PEHAC Chair  
Glen Knox, County Clerk

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THE CORPORATION OF THE COUNTY OF PRINCE EDWARD

BY-LAW NO. 275 -1999

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**A BY-LAW TO DESIGNATE THE GRANDSTAND AT THE COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS TO BE OF ARCHITECTURAL AND HISTORIC VALUE AND INTEREST PURSUANT TO PART IV OF THE ONTARIO HERITAGE ACT.**

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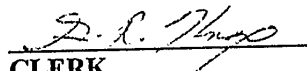
**WHEREAS** pursuant to the Ontario Heritage Act, R.S.O. 1990 c. O.18 the Council of a municipality may by by-law designate a property including buildings and structures thereon to be of architectural or historic value and interest;

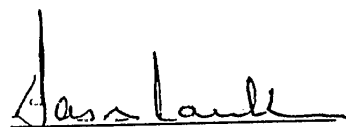
**AND WHEREAS** Notice of Intention to designate the property known as the Grandstand at the County Fairgrounds has been published and served in accordance with the provisions of the Ontario Heritage Act, R.S.O. 1990 and no notice of objection to the proposed designation has been received;

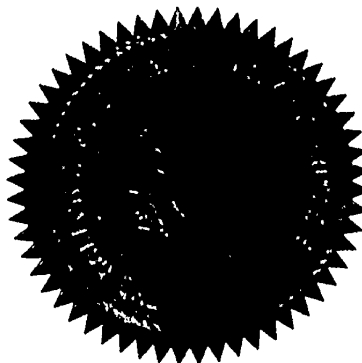
**NOW THEREFORE** the Council of the Corporation of the County of Prince Edward enacts as follows:

1. THAT the property known as the Grandstand at the County Fairgrounds and more particularly described in Schedule "A" attached hereto and forming part of this by-law is hereby designated as being of architectural and historical value and interest for the reasons set out in Schedule "B" attached hereto and forming part of this by-law.
2. THAT the Clerk of the Corporation of the County is hereby authorized and directed to cause a copy of this by-law to be registered in the proper Land Registry office upon the title to the property described in Schedule "A" attached hereto.
3. The Clerk of the County is hereby authorized and directed to cause a copy of this by-law to be served upon the owner of the aforesaid property and upon the Ontario Heritage Foundation and to cause the notice of the passing of this by-law to be published in accordance with the Ontario Heritage Act, R.S.O.1990 c.O.18 and to enter the description of the aforesaid property in the Register of all properties designated under the Ontario Heritage Act, R.S.O.1990 c. O.18.
4. THAT the provisions of this by-law shall come into force and effect on the day of final passing thereof.

Read a first, second, and third time and finally passed this 9th day of August, 1999.

  
CLERK  
Glen R. Knox

  
MAYOR  
James Taylor, Q.C.



**SCHEDULE "A" TO BY-LAW NO. 275 -1999**

**Property Description**

The Grandstand at the County Fairgrounds is described as all of Lots 1510 and 170,  
Registered Plan No. 24, Town of Picton, now in the Municipality of the County of Prince  
Edward.

## **SCHEDULE "B" TO BY-LAW NO. 275 -1999**

### **Reasons for Designation**

#### **Grandstand at the County Fairgrounds**

The original Grandstand was constructed in 1878 by the Picton Driving Park Association, reflecting the status and significance of horse racing and Prince Edward County trotting horses. The Grandstand initiated the establishment of the fairground complex, and remains an essential structure in depicting the historical social context of the agricultural fair and other community gatherings. The Grandstand contributes greatly to the fairgrounds and its other important buildings, just as the Grandstand itself is enhanced by its role in the collection of buildings.

This public gathering place has hosted many important occasions such as the running of the Queens Plate in 1879, welcoming ceremonies of a Governor General and other dignitaries, and it figured prominently in the preparation and send off of the Hastings Prince Edward Regiment to World War II. The Grandstand is a timber framed structure with wooden plank seating, modestly embellished with arched eave brackets supporting an extended roof overhang. The building was designed and executed to serve its function as a viewing area, and the construction is attractive in its simplicity. The original Grandstand remains, but was doubled in size shortly after the original was built, depicting the extent of the existing rehabilitated building today.