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Dear Sir or Madam:

RE: Notice of Passing By-law 2020-003 to Amend By-Law 92-56
100 Bridge Street – Booth-Babcock Mill

The Corporation of Loyalist Township passed By-law 2020-003, being a By-law to amend By-law 92-56 under Part IV, Section 30.1 of the Ontario Heritage Act.

Attached is the passed by-law for 100 Bridge Street as well as the Notice of Passing.

If you have questions on this matter, please do not hesitate in contacting me.

Regards,

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Attachments: Notice of Passing of By-law
By-law 2020-003 – Copy



**HERITAGE DESIGNATION
NOTICE OF PASSING OF BY-LAW**

TAKE NOTICE that on January 13, 2020 the Council of the Corporation of Loyalist Township passed By-law 2020-003, being a By-law to amend By-law 92-56 under Part IV, Section 30.1 of the Ontario Heritage Act. The purpose of amending By-Law 92-56 was to include a "Schedule A" in the by-law to include a legal description as per Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act. The amending by-law also included a "Schedule B" for the purposes of including a statement explaining the property's cultural heritage value or interest and description of the property's heritage attributes.

The property is located at 100 Bridge Street, Odessa and is identified as the Booth-Babcock Mill.

For further information about this designated property, please contact:

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DATED at Odessa this 23rd day of January, 2020
Debbie Chapman
Township Clerk
The Corporation of Loyalist Township
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Odessa, Ontario K0H 2H0

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THE CORPORATION OF LOYALIST TOWNSHIP

BY-LAW NO. 2020-003

Being a By-law to amend By-law 92-56 for the purposes of including a statement explaining the property's cultural heritage value or interest and a description of the property's heritage attributes, as well as to include a legal description schedule.

WHEREAS By-law 92-56 was enacted by the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Ernestown on September 28, 1992;

WHEREAS pursuant to Section 30.1 (1) of the Ontario Heritage Act R.S.O 1990, C.O.18, as amended, the council of a municipality may, by by-law, amend a by-law designating property made under section 29 and section 29 applies with necessary modifications to an amending by-law as though it were a by-law to designate property under that section;

WHEREAS the amendment to include a legal description in a Schedule to the by-law is set out in Schedule "A" to this by-law;

WHEREAS the amendment to include a statement of cultural heritage value or interest and a description of heritage attributes is set out in Schedule "B" to this by-law;

WHEREAS the requirement for Council to consult with its Municipal Heritage Committee pursuant to Section 30.1(5) of the Ontario Heritage Act have been fulfilled;

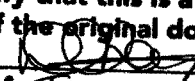
WHEREAS the Council of the Corporation of Loyalist Township has caused to be served on the owner of the property and upon the Ontario Heritage Trust, notice of intention to so amend the aforesaid real property; and


WHEREAS no notice of objection to the proposed amendment has been served on the Clerk of the municipality;

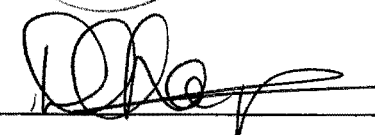
NOW THEREFORE the Council of Loyalist Township enacts as follows:

- 1) That by-law 92-56 be amended by adding the following Schedule "A" of this by-law to by-law 92-56 as Schedule "A";
- 2) That by-law 92-56 be amended by adding the following Schedule "B" of this by-law to by-law 92-56 as Schedule "B"
- 3) The municipal solicitor is hereby authorized to cause a copy of this by-law to be registered against the property described in Schedule 'A' 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 Trust and to cause notice of the passing of this by-law to be published in the same newspapers having general circulation in the municipality.

Enacted and Passed this 13th day of January 2020.

I hereby certify that this is a true and exact copy of the original document.
Certified by 
this 17 day of January, 2020.
Deborah A. Chapman
Clerk, Loyalist Township
613 386 7351, Ext. 121



MAYOR


CLERK

SCHEDULE 'A' TO BY-LAW 2020-003

LEGAL DESCRIPTION

The property involved is described as PT LT 31-32 CON 4 ERNESTOWN AS IN LA130499 (PCL ONE), LA96534, LA214115 (PCL 3) EXCEPT PT 2, 3, 7 29R7240, PT 1 29R8027, PT 9 29R429, PT 1 29R2762; S/T LA81284, LA91176; S/T EASEMENT OVER PT 5, 7,8, 10 & 11 29R429 IN FAVOUR OF THE CORPORATION OF LOYALIST TOWNSHIP AS IN LX22698; LOYALIST

BEING THE SAME LAND AS DESCRIBED IN PIN 45128-0424

SCHEDULE 'B' TO BY-LAW 2020-003

REASONS FOR DESIGNATION

Description of Property – 100 Bridge Street, Booth-Babcock Mill

100 Bridge Street, Odessa, or more commonly referred to as the Booth-Babcock Mill, is located to the east of Bridge Street and on the eastern bank of Mill Creek. It is part of a cultural landscape, within Babcock Mill Park, made up of an industrial complex with a traditional 19th century mill building, a 20th century dam, a millpond area, a raceway, a wheelhouse, and Mill Creek, now named Millhaven Creek. The Booth-Babcock Mill, built in 1856, is a three-story limestone main block with a two-story wing at the south portion of its west wall. The mill has a front-gabled roof and a rooftop cupola. The 1926 dam is predominately concrete; the other structures are concrete.

The mill dam is of stone and concrete, sited north of the Booth-Babcock Mill, crossing Mill Creek. Between abutments on opposite shores, three piers of stone and concrete rest on the limestone creek bed. Low walls built between the piers serve as sills for the four stop log bays. The deck is supported by the piers across the width of the dam. The mill race comes off the east side of the mill pond, just north of the dam. This straight-sided, concrete-faced channel, with estimated depth of 6 feet, has an angled turn to the south to continue to the wheelhouse. A flume constructed from an old boiler carries water to the turbine. The wheelhouse, east of the mill, is constructed of concrete with iron I-beam corner posts. It contains the 30-inch vertical turbine. A drive shaft exits on the west wall of the wheelhouse and connects to the east side of the mill.

Statement of Cultural Heritage Value or Interest

The Booth-Babcock Mill has design and physical value as an example of a traditional 19th century mill building and is the only surviving mill on Mill Creek. It was constructed in 1856 for Phillip and John Booth by masons William and Hugh Saul. The Sauls were important masons in the local region. Their high level of skills can be seen in numerous houses and particularly churches such as the Methodist Episcopal Church in Odessa (1870), the Wilton Presbyterian Church (1871), and the Wilton Methodist Church (1871).

Technical achievement is shown by the basket-making machinery, patented by J.H. Babcock in 1915 and 1919, installed in the mill, and the redesigned 1926 mill dam used to power both the mill and a generator that supplied electricity to the Babcock business and to the Odessa community. The site represents the technological evolution of power from water by waterwheels and water turbines, steam power, and electrical power.

The building and site have historical value through association with the Booth and the Babcock families of Ernestown and with the manufacturing and the milling economy of the township in the 19th and 20th centuries.

- Loyalist Joshua Booth was a mill operator and had mills at the front of the township by the mid-1790s. He was a member of the first House of Assembly in Ontario, Justice of the Peace for Ernestown between 1796 to 1808, and Captain of the first Addington Militia in the War of 1812.
- Benjamin Booth, son of Joshua Booth, acquired an existing gristmill on Mill Creek by 1837, the start of a network of mills and commercial operations by the Booth family.
- Phillip and John Booth, sons of Benjamin, had the present mill building constructed in 1856 as a gristmill, although it was never equipped as such.
- John Herbert Babcock purchased the Booth Mill in 1907 from the Booth family. He was an established businessman, operating a chair factory in the Township. In 1915 and 1919 John Babcock designed machinery and had two patents to construct a collapsible

wooden basket. He established “better Baskets by Babcock” and fitted the mill with the patented machinery powered by turbine in a wheelhouse east of the mill.

- J.H. Babcock introduced the generation of electricity in the village of Odessa in 1922. He installed a used electric generator in the wheelhouse that powered the Booth woolen mill, which he had purchased. He first supplied electricity for his garage business and residence. In 1923 service expanded to supply electricity to Odessa businesses, residences, and the Township Hall. In 1928 a street light was erected at the corner of Main and Centre Streets. J. H. Babcock and Sons provided electricity to Odessa customers until about 1932, when Ontario Hydro took over.
- The Babcock family during the Second World War used The Mill for lumber finishing for the Kingston Shipyards and by 1945, used the dam to power a truck body manufacturing plant.

The building and site have historical value through association with the manufacturing and the milling economy of the township in the 19th and 20th centuries. Dams on Millhaven Creek, also known as Mill Creek, supported the development of mills in the 19th century. By 1856 three separate dams were on the creek with numerous mills essential to the township's economy. Manufacturing operations located along Mill Creek included a saw mill, grist mill, woolen mill, carding mill, pail factory, iron foundry, and chair factory. The settlement around these mills was known as Mill Creek, which was renamed Odessa in 1856.

The Booth-Babcock Mill and associated features has contextual value in Loyalist Township by supporting the character of the 19th and early 20th century economy of the township. Its cluster of mills and commercial enterprises in the interior of the township were integrated with the surrounding farms, using their products and supplying their practical needs. Mill Creek, the village that developed, was linked to the lake front by the Loyalist-era north-south road between lots 34 and lot 35. By 1839 the Napanee Macadamized Road linked Mill Creek with Kingston and Napanee. The milestones of this historic road have heritage designation in Loyalist Township.

The 1856 mill building is a landmark in the Township and is part of the story of Odessa supported by the other buildings operated by the Booth family. These include the woollen mill, just to the east of the park property and the small store (95 Main Street). Three significant Booth residences are part of the township's cultural heritage. These are Skibbereen Castle (97 Factory Street), 114 Factory Street, and Booth Regency Cottage (86 Main Street). The latter was built in the 1850s next to the location of the first mill operated by Booths on Mill Creek.

Description of Heritage Attributes

Exterior of Mill Building

- Mill building of cut limestone masonry, with quoins at corners and voussoirs above windows. Iron tie rods with plates on the exterior of the east and west walls
- Scale, massing and location of all windows, doors and apertures with their corresponding shutters, and tie rods
- Above entrance, limestone date stone with engraved inscription “Odessa Mill P & J. BOOTH 1856”
- Rooftop cupola
- Iron smoke stack

Interior of Mill Building; Machinery

- Slat Knife
- Sanding Drum
- Slat Steam Bath
- Slat Sizing Tool
- Boiler
- Slat and Wire Weaver
- Single Wire Basket Splitter
- Fixed equipment

Property and Landscape Features

- Concrete dam structure
- Concrete mill race structures
- Flume made from boiler
- Concrete wheelhouse containing 30-inch Barber and Sons Turbine, ca. 1903
- Mill pond and natural terrain that gives evidence of the pond's development and that retains a sufficient elevation of water to power the mill in its historical manner.
- Millhaven Creek through Babcock Mill Park