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April 22, 2014

Ontario Heritage Trust
10 Adelaide Street East
Toronto, ON
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RE: Serving Notice of Intention to Designate

To Whom it May Concern,

Enclosed is the Notice of Intention to Designate under the Ontario Heritage Act. The property is the Gananoque Swing Bridge, Water Street, Gananoque, Ontario. Council made a motion to proceed with the designation of this property on the meeting of April 15, 2014. If you have any questions or require further information please don't hesitate to call Shelley Hirstwood, Economic Development Manager at 613-372-2149 ext 1127 or shirstwood@gananoque.ca.

Sincerely,



Shelley Hirstwood
Economic Development Manager



NOTICE OF INTENTION TO DESIGNATE UNDER THE ONTARIO HERITAGE ACT
IN THE MATTER OF THE ONTARIO HERITAGE ACT AND IN THE MATTER OF the lands in

GANANOQUE SWING BRIDGE, WATER STREET, GANANOQUE, ONTARIO

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Town of Gananoque intends to designate The Swing Bridge under Section 29(1), Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act, R.S.O. 1990, Chapter O.8.

Description of the Property:

The Gananoque Swing Bridge of 1893 is proposed for designation under the Ontario Heritage Act for historical, structural and contextual criteria. The designation encompasses the area within both approaches to the bridge notably the retaining walls and abutments of the east and west shores as well as the riverbed and pier below the bridge excluding all swing mechanisms.

Statement of Cultural Heritage Value or Interest:

The bridge was constructed with municipal support by the Thousand Islands Railway, a Rathbun Company subsidiary, to give direct rail access to industry on the east side of the Gananoque River, in particular the large Gananoque Carriage Company—at the time one of the largest manufacturers of carriages in the Dominion. Located at the mouth of the Gananoque River, the bridge was designed to rotate horizontally on the limestone-clad central pier and allow passage of tall water craft from the St. Lawrence. The riveted-steel, single-lane structure also originally accommodated vehicular and pedestrian traffic, which continued after the rail tracks were removed in 1913. The direct intervention by the municipality to guarantee the construction of the structure, illustrates the notable commitment the Town invested in infrastructure for industry in the late 19th century. The construction of the structure is attributed to the Leeds Bridge and Iron Works Ltd., of Gananoque.

A compatible setting for the Swing Bridge is present with the traditional wharf and boating facilities along the shores of the south end of the Gananoque River—many older structures themselves. This environment is in keeping with the original scale, function and environs of the bridge. The approaches to the bridge on either side of the Gananoque River are also consistent with the early history of the bridge, featuring industrial land on the west and residential and visitor accommodation on the east.

Description of Heritage Attributes

- General appearance
- Limestone clad central pier
- Abutments faces with large limestone blocks



Further information respecting the proposed designation is available for viewing at the Town Hall, 30 King Street East during regular business hours. Any person may by May 30th, 2014, (within 30 days after the date of the publication of this notice) serve written notice of objection to the proposed designation with the Clerks Department, together with a statement for the objection and all relevant facts.

Dated at the Town of Gananoque this 1 day of May, 2014.

Bonnie Dingwall, Director of Corporate Services, 30 King Street East, Gananoque, ON K7G 2T6