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October 17, 2016

ONTARIO HERITAGE TRUST

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Via Registered Mail

Ontario Heritage Trust
10 Adelaide Street East
Toronto ON M5C 1J3

Dear Sir/Madam:

Re: By-law 2016-74 – Designation of Cultural Heritage Value & Interest - Kerr's Bridge, Sideroad 22C at Beaver River, west of County Road 13 (Euphrasia) Grey Highlands

Please be advised that Council of the Municipality of Grey Highlands on August 29th, 2016 adopted By-law 2016-74 being a by-law to designate a bridge structure, Kerr's Bridge, Sideroad 22C at Beaver River, west of County Road 13 to be of Cultural Heritage Value and Interest.

Please find enclosed a certified true copy of By-law 2016-74, along with the Statement of Cultural Heritage Value or Interest and the Description of Heritage Attributes. The Municipality of Grey Highlands is the property owner for this property.

If you require any other information, please contact the undersigned.

Regards,



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**The Corporation of the Municipality of Grey Highlands
By-Law Number 2016-74**

A By-Law to designate Kerr's Bridge as being of cultural heritage value or interest

Whereas the *Ontario Heritage Act* authorizes the Council of a municipality to enact by-laws to designate real property, including all buildings and structures thereon, to be of cultural heritage value or interest; and

Whereas authority was granted by Council to designate Kerr's Bridge as being of cultural heritage value or interest through consultation with Heritage Grey Highlands; and

Whereas Council of the Municipality of Grey Highlands is the current owner of the bridge known as Kerr's Bridge and caused to be served upon the Ontario Heritage Trust, Notice of Intention to designate the property and caused the Notice of Intention to be published in *The Advance*, which is a newspaper having general circulation in the Municipality and posted on the Municipality's website for a period of 30 days in accordance with the Notice requirements under the *Ontario Heritage Act*; and

Whereas no Notice of Objection to the proposed Designation was served to the Clerk of the Corporation of the Municipality of Grey Highlands;


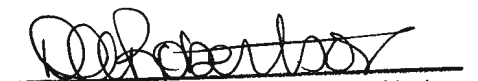
Now Therefore the Council of the Corporation of the Municipality of Grey Highlands Enacts as follows:

- 1. That** the structure known as Kerr's Bridge located at Sideroad 22C at Beaver River, west of Grey Road 13 (near Heathcote), Concession 1, between Lot 21 and Lot 22 (Euphrasia), Grey Highlands, Ontario and more particularly described in Schedule "A" hereto annexed and forming part of this by-law, is designated as being of cultural heritage value or interest.
- 2. That** the Municipality reserves the right to install a designated property plaque or interpretive panel.
- 3. That** the Municipal Solicitor is hereby authorized to cause a copy of this by-law to be registered against the road allowance more particularly described, together with the Statement of Cultural Heritage Value and Description of Heritage Attributes set out in Schedule "B" and hereto annexed and forming part of this by-law, in the proper registry office.
- 4. That** the Municipal Clerk is hereby authorized and directed:
 - a)** to cause a copy of this by-law, together with reasons for the designation, to be served on The Ontario Heritage Trust by personal service or by registered mail;
 - b)** to publish a notice of this by-law once in *The Advance*, which is a newspaper having general circulation in the Municipality of Grey Highlands and posted on the Municipal website.

Read a first and second time this 29th day of August, 2016

Read a third time and finally passed this 29th day of August, 2016

The Corporation of the
Municipality of Grey Highlands


Paul McQueen, Mayor
Debbie Robertson, Municipal Clerk
Deborah Robertson, AMCT, Clerk
CERTIFIED TO BE A TRUE COPY
The Corporation of the Municipality of
Grey Highlands, County of Grey
Oct. 17/16

Schedule "A" to By-law 2016-74

Kerr's Bridge

**Sideroad 22C at Beaver River, west of Grey Road 13 (near
Heathcote), Concession 1, between Lot 21 and Lot 22 (Euphrasia),
Grey Highlands, Ontario**

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AND RDAL BTN TWP OF COLLINGWOOD AND TWP OF EUPHRASIA; GREY
HIGHLANDS

Kerr's Bridge

Sideroad 22C at Beaver River, west of Grey Road 13 (near Heathcote), Concession 1, between Lot 21 and Lot 22 (Euphrasia), Grey Highlands, Ontario

STATEMENT OF CULTURAL HERITAGE VALUE OR INTEREST OF THE KERR BRIDGE:

The design and physical heritage value of Kerr's Bridge (latterly known as Breadner Bridge) lies primarily in that this particular bridge is one of the most unusual designs to be seen among surviving pin-connected truss bridges. Having a style suggestive of an older truss that dates to early 1880s, this also may well be one of the oldest pin-connected truss bridges in Ontario. The most visually striking feature that sets this bridge apart from other bridges of this type is its uncommon pedimented portal bracing, an ornamental design generally found only on the oldest pin-connected truss bridges. Another design feature more common to older pin-connected through truss bridges is the "boxy" manner in which the top chord ends abruptly over the end post, rather than blending into the end post without a vertical face at the end. The ends of the top chord are faced with cast iron plaques crediting Hamilton Bridge Co. as the builder, but giving no date.

The historical and associative value of Kerr's Bridge relates to early pioneer James Kerr who settled the property south of the river c.1850 and was elected the first reeve when Euphrasia Township was incorporated late 1852. The Kerr family remained on the property well into the 1900s and thus were involved with 1881 replacement of the earliest log or wood bridge and again after flood damage in 1893. Council records indicate a large sum paid to James Kerr in 1906 (seemingly to create the concrete bridge abutments), and further payments to him mention a metal truss, thus dating installment of this bridge in this location to c. 1906-07.

Kerr's bridge has contextual value because it enables crossing the Beaver River, an initial purpose of paramount importance for original agricultural settlers to enjoy economic success. The bridge also has contextual value as a unique landmark enjoyed by motorists, bikers, hikers and those paddling the river.

DESCRIPTION OF THE HERITAGE ATTRIBUTES OF THE PROPERTY:

- Complex pin-connected trusses that span the length composed as follows:
 - Top chord & end post: back-to-back channels with v-lacing and cover plate
 - Vertical members: Back-to-back channels with v-lacing on each side
 - Hip Verticals: up-set style eye-bars with supplementary rods added at a later date
 - Diagonal members: up-set style eye-bars
 - Bottom chord: up-set style eye-bars, except for center panels which are replaced with channel
 - Struts: two pairs of angles with v-lacing, and knees compose of a single piece of angle;
 - Overhead lateral bracing: Square rod with turnbuckles;
 - Floor beams: replacements, composed of modern rolled Wide flange beams
 - Lower lateral bracing: replacement rods.
- Portal bracing: Unusual pedimented design composed of paired angles connected by v-lacing and plate, and with curved knee braces composed of a single angle
- Embossed iron plaques installed on each entry portal identifying manufacture by Hamilton Bridge Works
- Concrete bridge abutments possibly encasing original stone supports
- The location on SR 22C in an open, park like setting offering scenic views of the Beaver River