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NOTICE OF INTENTION TO DESIGNATE

Bell Park, Grimsby, ON

TAKE NOTICE that Grimsby Town Council, on November 18, 2013 resolved to issue a Notice of Intention to Designate BELL PARK, Township Plan 45A ; GRIMSBY municipally known as Bell Park under Section 29 of the Ontario Heritage Act, R.S.O. 1990, c. 18, as a property of cultural heritage value or interest.

Description of Property

The subject property is located in Grimsby Beach at Fair Avenue. The property consists of parklands and open space with a bell and fountain. The property is surrounded by the unique cottages of Grimsby Beach.

Statement of Cultural Heritage Value or Interest

Bell Park holds heritage value for its contribution to the landscape which is surrounded by Victorian cottages. The particular architectural style that characterizes the cottages of Grimsby Beach is unique to North American Chautauquas and Bell Park in its original heart-shaped form, with the inner gardens, moat, and small bridges would have contributed to the character of area which was home to the Methodist Temperance meetings from 1859 to roughly 1900. The park today serves as a contributing reminder of the Chautauqua landscape of Grimsby Beach.

The Bell itself and the corresponding platform are a monument, and as many photographs from the Grimsby Chautauqua era show, a destination within the campgrounds themselves for campers and day visitors alike. The Bell in Bell Park has its own history and unique character, and its positioning and accessibility have made it a heritage element within the park.

HERITAGE ATTRIBUTES TO BE DESIGNATED

The following architectural attributes have been determined to contribute to the heritage value of the building and constitute part of the *Statement of Cultural Heritage Value or Interest for Bell Park*:

- The Bell and its platform;
- Decorative fountain planter;
- The treed perimeter; and
- The treeline and vistas surrounding Bell Park.

OBJECTIONS

Any objection to this designation must be filed no later than January 23, 2014. Objections should be directed to Hazel Soady-Easton, Town Clerk, P.O. Box 159, 160 Livingston Avenue, Grimsby ON, L3M 4G3.

MORE INFORMATION

Any inquiries may be directed to Janice Hogg, Planner I at 905-945-9634 ext 2109 or by email jhogg@grimsby.ca

Last date to file Notice of Objection: January 23, 2014

Hazel Soady-Easton, Town Clerk