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TOWN OF GRAVENHURST



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August 18, 1989

Ms. Margo Teasdale,
Conservation Officer,
Architecture & Heritage Planning Unit,
2nd Floor, 77 Bloor Street West,
Toronto, Ontario
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Dear Ms. Teasdale:

Please find enclosed a certified true copy of By-law No. 89-140, as passed by the Council of the Town of Gravenhurst at their meeting August 14th, 1989, which designates the Muskoka Centre Gazebo.

As per the regulations, the intention to designate the Gazebo was advertised in the local papers for three (3) consecutive weeks, and a notice advising of the passing of the by-law will also be advertised for three (3) consecutive weeks.

Also be advised that a plaque was presented to the Muskoka Centre at their Dedication Ceremony held on August 12th, 1989.

I hope this meets with your approval.

Thank you.

Yours Truly,

B. June Chandler

B. June Chandler,
Deputy Clerk,
Town of Gravenhurst

BJC:cb
Enclosure

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I HEREBY CERTIFY THIS
TO BE A TRUE COPY

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF GRAVENHURST

BY-LAW NO. 89-140

B. J. Chandler
DEPUTY CLERK

Being a By-law to designate the Muskoka Centre
Gazebo under the Ontario Heritage Act

Pursuant to the Ontario Heritage Act, Chapter 337, R.S.O., Council may designate buildings of Architectural and Historical importance.

WHEREAS the Local Architectural Conservation Advisory Committee has recommended to Council the designation of the Muskoka Centre Gazebo located on Muskoka Centre property being part of Lots 22 and 23, Concessions 6 and 7, formerly in the Township of Muskoka, now in the Town of Gravenhurst and was accepted July 10, 1989;

AND WHEREAS the intention to designation was advertised commencing on the 19th day of July, 1989 in accordance with the Ontario Heritage Act for three consecutive weeks;

AND WHEREAS the present owners are desirous of and agree to the designation of their property;

AND WHEREAS no notice of objection was served on the Clerk of the Municipality;

NOW THEREFORE THE COUNCIL OF THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF GRAVENHURST ENACTS AS FOLLOWS:

1. That the Muskoka Centre Gazebo located on Muskoka Centre property being Part of Lots 22 and 23, Concessions 6 and 7, formerly in the Township of Muskoka, now in the Town of Gravenhurst is hereby designated of Architectural and Historical importance for the reasons attached hereto in Schedule "A".
2. The Municipal Solicitor is hereby authorized to cause a copy of this By-law to be registered in the 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 Foundation and to cause notice of the passing of this By-law to be published in the same newspaper having general circulation in the municipality once for each of three consecutive weeks.

READ A FIRST, SECOND AND THIRD TIME and finally passed this 14th day
of August , 1989 .

Bob Adams
MAYOR

John R. McCall
CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER & CLERK

SCHEDULE "A"
to
BY-LAW NO. 89-140

Reasons for Designation

In 1895, the National Sanitarium Association was formed to establish a hospital for Tuberculosis sufferers. Gravenhurst was one of the sites they were considering. A \$10,000.00 grant from the Town Council confirmed Gravenhurst as the site of Canada's first Sanitarium.

It was opened in 1897 and the following year, several cottages and two sun pavilions were built. The Joss House or Gazebo, as it became known, was a popular site with patients who were able to get out of bed. Visitors often used it for picnics.

In 1975, it became apparent that repairs were needed, and they were undertaken. Unfortunately, the windows and doors were not replaced and the interior suffered the effects of the weather.

In 1987, the Ontario Heritage Properties Program investigated the remaining buildings from the "San" days still in use at Muskoka Centre. The Gazebo was the only one they found to be architecturally and historically significant. As the condition of the Gazebo was becoming critical, the Ministry of Government Services repaired and restored the Gazebo in 1988 to its former glory. Now complete with windows and doors, original paint and filled with memories of days gone by, it stands as a landmark for local boaters and cottagers alike.

The original building had a set of stairs leading to the second floor, the observation deck. This was not completed at the time of restoration due to the present use of the building. However, in the near future and when is practicable, the Province be encouraged to have original staircase restored.

The Gazebo is now on the list of Historic Sites in Ontario and a proud reminder of the significant role that Gravenhurst played in the fight against Tuberculosis.