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March 11, 1985

VIA REGISTERED MAIL

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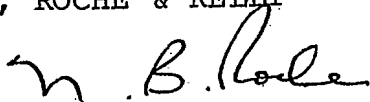
Dear Sirs:

Re: Town of Bracebridge - designation of Bird's Mill Pumping
Station as a Historical Site

We enclose herewith a Notice of Intention to Designate in connection with the above matter which we serve upon you.

Yours truly,

LEE, ROCHE & KELLY



Per: N.B. Roche

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Encl.

IN THE MATTER OF THE ONTARIO HERITAGE
ACT, R.S.O. 1980, CHAPTER 337;

AND IN THE MATTER OF THE LANDS AND
PREMISES AT THE FOLLOWING MUNICIPAL
ADDRESS IN THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO.

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO DESIGNATE

To: Ontario Heritage Foundation
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TAKE NOTICE that the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Bracebridge intends to designate the property, including lands and buildings, at the following municipal address as a property of architectural and/or historical value or interest under Part IV of The Ontario Heritage Act, R.S.O. 1980, Chapter 337.

(a) Bird's Mill Pumping Station, Bracebridge, Ontario

Reasons for Proposed Designation:

In 1892, a small power plant (the subject building) was constructed by W.S. Shaw on the "Upper" Falls, part of the Bracebridge Falls, and, while this building supplied electrical power to his leather tannery and parts of Bracebridge, it also served as a pump plant for the Town water supply.

On April 7th, 1892, a contract was signed between the Corporation and Mr. Shaw for the supply of power from this plant and in 1893 the first municipal water supply main was constructed. This watermain was 3/4 of a mile in length, consisted of a 6" diameter cast iron pipe and was hand dug. It connected a chain of spring wells known as Barron's Springs (which are still in use and account for 1/3 of the present municipal water supply) and flowed by gravity to the reservoir adjacent to Mr. Shaw's power plant, through which the water was pumped to the existing mains.

In 1894, the Town of Bracebridge purchased the plant from Mr. Shaw at a price of \$3,500.00 and Bracebridge became the first Ontario Municipality to own a Hydraulic Electric Generating Station as a Public Utility.

The Town grew rapidly and a new hydro electric plant was constructed on the "Lower" Falls of the Bracebridge Falls in 1904 and the "Upper" Falls plant was abandoned as a hydro electric producing facility, leaving it as a pump plant only and the turbines were used only for the driving of the two hydraulic pumps for the water system.

These two hydraulic pumps are still in emergency use at the present time, are operated weekly for maintenance and were overhauled in 1983 and found to be in good working order. Two electric pumps were installed in this building in 1914 to relieve the hydraulic pumps and are in daily use as an integral part of the Bracebridge water supply system.]

Notice of objection to the proposed designation, together with a statement of the reasons for the objection and all relevant facts may be served on the Clerk of the Town of Bracebridge before the 23rd day of April, 1985.

DATED at Bracebridge this 12th day of March, 1985.

"KENNETH C. VEITCH"

Clerk of the Corporation of the
Town of Bracebridge