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April 5, 2018

ONTARIO HERITAGE TRUST

Ontario Heritage Trust
10 Adelaide Street East
Toronto, Ontario
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RE: By-Law 19-18 to Designate The George Currie Grain Elevator, 139 Queen Street, Port Perry, as a Property of Cultural Heritage Value or Interest Under Part IV of the *Ontario Heritage Act*

Dear Sir/Madam,

Please be advised that at the March 26, 2018 Council meeting of the Township of Scugog, the above captioned By-Law was passed to designate The George Currie Grain Elevator, 139 Queen Street, Port Perry, Ontario, as a property of cultural heritage value or interest under Part IV of the *Ontario Heritage Act* (the Act).

Enclosed please find:

- By-Law 19-18
- An excerpt from the March 26, 2018 minutes of Council of the Township of Scugog which includes Council's motion to proceed with the designation By-Law
- Notice of designation By-Law (published in local newspaper)
- Copy of request to solicitor for registration

Please note that the Township of Scugog is the owner of the property located at 139 Queen Street, Port Perry.

Should you require anything further regarding the above, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'John Paul Newman', is written over a horizontal line.

John Paul Newman
Municipal Clerk

Encl.

cc Development Services Department
Scugog Heritage & Museum Advisory Committee

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF SCUGOG

BY-LAW NUMBER 19-18

BEING A BY-LAW TO DESIGNATE THE GEORGE CURRIE
GRAIN ELEVATOR, 139 QUEEN STREET, PORT PERRY,
AS BEING OF HERITAGE VALUE OR INTEREST

WHEREAS pursuant to Part IV of the *Ontario Heritage Act*, the Council of a municipality is authorized to enact by-laws to designate a real property, including all the buildings and structures thereon, to be of cultural heritage value or interest;

AND WHEREAS the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Scugog is the owner of the lands and premises at 139 Queen Street, and has caused to be served upon the Ontario Heritage Trust, notice of intention to designate The George Currie Grain Elevator;

AND WHEREAS Council's intention to so designate has been duly advertised with no objections thereto;

AND WHEREAS the reasons for the designation are set out in Schedule "B" attached hereto and forming part of this By-Law;

NOW THEREFORE THE COUNCIL OF THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF SCUGOG enacts as follows:

1. **THAT** the following real property, more particularly described in Schedule "A" attached hereto and forming part of this By-Law is hereby designated as being of cultural heritage value or interest:

The George Currie Grain Elevator
139 Queen Street
PORT PERRY, Ontario

2. **THAT** the Solicitor is hereby authorized to cause a copy of this By-Law to be registered against the properties described in Schedule "A" attached hereto in the Land Registry Office.

Read a First, Second and Third time and finally passed this 26th day of March, 2018.



MAYOR, Thomas R. Rowett



CLERK, John Paul Newman

SCHEDULE "A"
TO BY-LAW 19-18

Legal Description

Municipally known as 139 Queen Street
Township of Scugog, Regional Municipality of Durham

Roll No. 1820020010222000004

SCHEDULE "B"

TO BY-LAW 19-18

Description of Property:

The George Currie Grain Elevator, 139 Queen Street, Port Perry Ontario

The George Currie Grain Elevator is a local landmark situated at the terminus of Queen Street on the shore of Lake Scugog.

Statement of Cultural Heritage Value or Interest.

The George Currie Grain Elevator's cultural heritage value derives from it being the oldest remaining wooden grain elevator in Canada, and its role as a local landmark which helps interpret both the agricultural and industrial foundations which helped develop Scugog Township and Port Perry.

Construction of the Grain Elevator commenced in 1874 for local grain, clothing, hardware, and grocery merchant George Currie. George Currie was elected as the Reeve of Reach Township in 1857 and served as the Township Treasurer before moving his successful business enterprises from Prince Albert to Port Perry in 1872, following the arrival of the Port Perry-Whitby Railway in 1871. The original elevator was expanded several times over the years and operated as a grain elevator for over 100 years until its closing in 1979.

Located beside the railway tracks and the shores of Lake Scugog, the Grain elevator enabled local farmers to prosper by allowing them to conveniently sell, store and transport their grains to distant markets. Solidly built from local timbers and lumber, the bold undecorated built form of the Port Perry Grain Elevator, and other early industrial buildings like it, would inspire a future generation of modern architects and the 20th century mantra of "form follows function". Miraculously spared from numerous fires, including the two great fires which destroyed the commercial core of Port Perry in 1883 and 1884, the Grain Elevator and Town Hall 1873, are two of three surviving pre-fire downtown buildings and serve as imposing architectural sentinels marking the east-west boundaries of "Downtown."

Description of Heritage Attributes

Key exterior and interior attributes that embody the heritage value of the George Currie Grain Elevator include its:

- 24" thick solid stone foundation;
- Simple rectangular form with gabled roof and cupola;
- Later architectural expansions with the exception of the one storey portion along Water Street;
- Wooden board and batten, and metal exterior cladding;
- Original window and door openings and the louvred vents of the cupola;
- Galvanized sheet metal roofing;
- Interior solid wood plank on plank grain bins;
- Interior wooden timber structural frame and graffiti of early workers; and
- Interior early mechanical workings associated with the grinding, cleaning handling, moving, storing and weighing of grain.

**The George Currie Grain Elevator, Port Perry
Designation as a Property of Cultural Heritage Value or Interest Under
Part IV of the *Ontario Heritage Act***

TAKE NOTE that at the meeting of March 26, 2018, the Council of the Township of Scugog considered and passed Designation By-Law No. 19-18 to designate The George Currie Grain Elevator, 139 Queen Street, Port Perry, Ontario, as a property of cultural heritage value or interest.

This notice is being served in accordance with Section 29 of the Act.

- John Paul Newman, Municipal Clerk

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