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August 2, 2018

ONTARIO HERITAGE TRUST

Provincial Heritage Registrar ATTN: Erin Semande Ontario Heritage Trust 10 Adelaide Street East Toronto, Ontario M5C 1J3

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Dear Erin Semande:

Re: Town of Gananoque – Notice of Intention to Amend Five (5) Heritage Designation

As a requirement under the under *Ontario Heritage Act*, Section 30(1), Part IV of the, R.S.O. 1990, Chapter 0.8, please be advised that at a regular meeting of Council, held on Tuesday, July 17, 2018, the Council of the Town of Gananoque passed Motion #18-113, entitled "Notice of Intention to Amend Municipal Heritage Designations" for the following Municipally Designated Heritage Properties:

1	Old Foundry	9-15 King Street East	Lot 1027A, Block N, Plan 86, East of the Gananoque River	By-law No. 79-03
2	Town Hall	30 King Street East	Lot A, Plan 86, East of the Gananoque River	By-law No. 76-13
3	Former Provincial Hotel	98 King Street East	Lot 10, Plan 86, East of the Gananoque River, being part 1 on 28R-5737	By-law No. 2005-63
4	Old Post Office	110 Stone Street South	Lot 14, Block O, Plan 86, East of the Gananoque River	By-law No. 78-20
5	Clock Tower	140 Stone Street South	Part of Block O, Plan 86, East of the Gananoque River	By-law No. 78-21

Information regarding the above Municipally Designated Heritage properties are attached.

Any person wishing to object to the proposed amendment(s) may submit a written Notice of Objection to the Clerk's Department that provides a statement for the objection and all relevant facts. These submission will be received up to and including Friday, August 31, 2018 at 12:00 PM.

Should you require further information or clarification, please do not hesitate to contact me at <a href="mailto:clerk@gananoque.ca">clerk@gananoque.ca</a> or 613-382-2149 ext. 1120.

Sincerely,

Penny/Kelly Clerk / CEMC

Attachments: Description of five (5) Heritage Designated Properties

c. Shelley Hirstwood, Manager of Economic Development

# CLOCK TOWER, 140 STONE STREET SOUTH, GANANOQUE, ONTARIO

Building/Property Name: **Clock Tower** 

Address: 140 Stone Street South

Legal Description: Part of Block O, Plan 86, East of the Gananoque River ONTARIO HERITAGE TRUST

Original Use: Public Present Use: **Public** 

Date Designated: July 4, 1978 Designation Bylaw: Bylaw 78-21

Registration:

## Description of the Property:

The 85-foot tall red brick and wood Clock Tower is located on the west side of Stone Street South between Pine Street and Spruce Alley, south of the former Post Office at 110 Stone Street South, and north of the Gananoque River.

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Statement of Cultural Heritage Value or Interest:

The Clock Tower's design or physical value lies in its rare three-stage, four-sided form, high degree of craftsmanship and technical achievement to execute the battered wall construction, and its Romanesque Revival style. Its lower stage has a double-leaf, semi-circular headed entrance with transom that is flanked by two semi-circular headed windows, while the internal staircase is lit by ascending tall windows with rock-faced rusticated lug sills placed between the lesenes or pilaster strips that terminate in semi-circular arches at the corpelled cornice. The second stage houses the clock, while the third is a belfry capped with a pagoda-style roof. The historical or associative value of the Clock Tower is through its association with people and firms who have played an important role in the Town's history. Charles McDonald —an internationally renowned bridge engineer and descendent of one of the Town's founding families— and his wife had the Clock Town built in 1903, retaining American architect Franklin T. Lent for its design. By then, Lent was well known for his resort and cottage commissions in the Thousand Islands, upstate New York and Eastern Ontario, as well as his several buildings in Gananoque. The contract to build the tower was awarded to local construction firm Mitchell and Wilson, a prolific builder of many large houses and cottages in the area. The Clock Tower also has historical or associative value for its connection with the Fire Department, who used the tower to dry and store its hoses.

Visually prominent and of similar height to the nearby church steeples, the Clock Tower has contextual value as a landmark and supports the historic character of its immediate surroundings, which includes the former Post Office.

## **Description of Heritage Attributes**

Key attributes that express the design or physical value of the Clock Tower include its:

Three-stage composition rendered in the Romanesque Revival style;

- Tall rock-faced rusticated stone foundation;
- Red brick masonry with battered wall construction and prominent;
- Prominent lesenes (pilaster strips) that terminate in semi-circular arches;
- Ascending placement of windows on the northeast and southwest tower faces;
- Double-leaf entrance with semi-circular transom;
- Semi-circular headed windows either side of the entrance; above the front door;
- Rock face rusticated lug sills;
- Corbelled brick cornice at the top of the first stage;
- Low balustrade around the clock;
- Four clock faces with Roman numerals bordered by pilasters at the second stage;
- Panelled and painted belfry (with bells still retained) at the third stage; and,
- Pagoda-style roof.

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