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October 24, 2019

ONTARIO HERITAGE TRUST

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Erin Semande
Provincial Heritage Registrar
Ontario Heritage Trust
10 Adelaide Street East
Toronto, ON
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Dear Ms. Semande:

Re: Notice of Intention to Designate, Gull Lake Rotary Park and Vincent/Fry
Residence, Town of Gravenhurst

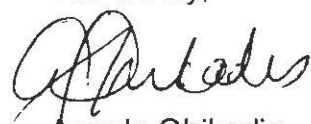
Please find attached a Notice of Intention to Designate for properties located within the Town of Gravenhurst.

Gull Lake Rotary Park is owned by the Town of Gravenhurst and is located at 405 Brock Street. The Vincent/Fry Residence is a privately owned property located at 190 Royal Street. A letter outlining the Notice of Intention to Designate is being personally delivered to the property owners of the Vincent/Fry Residence today.

The attached Notice of Intention to Designate was placed in the local newspaper on October 24, 2019 in anticipation of the related By-law being considered by Council on November 26, 2019. The Notice of Intention to Designate includes a statement that notice of objection to the proposed designation must be filed with the municipality within 30 days after the date of publication of the newspaper notice.

Please contact me if any additional information is required.

Yours truly,



Angela Ghikadis
Planner



**NOTICE OF INTENTION TO DESIGNATE
UNDER THE ONTARIO HERITAGE ACT, R.S.O. 1990, c. O.18**

TAKE NOTICE that the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Gravenhurst intends to designate the following properties, under Section 29 of *The Ontario Heritage Act* (R.S.O 1990, Ch. O. 18):

1. Gull Lake Rotary Park (405 Brock Street)
2. Vincent/Fry Residence (190 Royal Street)

By-laws to designate these properties are to be considered by the Town of Gravenhurst Planning Council at its regular meeting to be held on **Tuesday November 26th, 2019**.

STATEMENT OF CULTURAL HERITAGE VALUE OR INTEREST (Gull Lake Rotary Park): Gull Lake Rotary Park has been a significant part of Gravenhurst for over 100 years. The property was first granted to Joseph Brock Sr, an early pioneer. Commencing in the late 1880s, it was bought and sold by various railroad companies. The Town of Gravenhurst acquired it in 1932 for \$1,000 from Canadian National Railways. Prior to this purchase, the property was used for culture and recreation purposes by the community including regattas, recreation and concerts. It remains a popular area for family gatherings, swimming, Sunday evening "Music on the Barge" concerts, an annual antique car show and traditional recreational pursuits. Key structures include the Barge (officially opened by Queen Elizabeth II and Prince Philip in July 1959) and the Public Utilities Commission building (which generated early electricity for the Town until 1907), as well as the Stone Stairs and Retaining Wall constructed by German Prisoners of War.

STATEMENT OF CULTURAL HERITAGE VALUE OR INTEREST (Vincent/Fry Residence): This fine residence is worthy of commemoration owing to its uncommon architecture (in Muskoka) and its association with a prominent Gravenhurst family. In 1942 Clare Vincent acquired the property that once belonged to pioneer Joseph Brock Sr. The Vincent family were associated with a number of businesses including Vincent's Restaurant (now Bethune Bistro), Vincent's (Muskoka) Limited and the Muskoka Lakes Navigation Company. In addition, Dorothy Vincent married photographer Henry Fry who had a dark room in the basement of the house as well as a separate business studio. Mr. Fry earned the Order of Canada for his work. He was the official photographer of the Queen's visit in 1959 and is also known for his images of German Prisoners of War. Cyril Vincent was mayor of Gravenhurst from 1951-1953.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION regarding the proposed designation s available at the Town of Gravenhurst municipal office. Please contact Angela Ghikadis, Planner during office hours (8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday to Friday) by phone at 705-687-3412 ext. 246 or by email at angela.ghikadis@gravenhurst.ca.

Any person who objects to a proposed designation shall, within thirty days of the date of publication of this newspaper notice, serve on the Clerk of the Town of Gravenhurst a Notice of Objection setting out the reason for the objection and all relevant facts. If Notice of Objection is received, the Council of the Town of Gravenhurst will refer the matter to the Conservation Review Board for a hearing and report.

Dated at the Town of Gravenhurst
this 24th day of October, 2019.

Kayla Thibeault
Clerk

SCHEDULE 'B' – Vincent/Fry Residence

STATEMENT OF CULTURAL HERITAGE VALUE

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SCHEDULE 'C' – Vincent/Fry Residence

DESCRIPTION OF HERITAGE ATTRIBUTES

The one and a half storey triple coloured brick building is of the Interwar Arts and Crafts style. Its jerkinhead roofline (a half gable with truncated hip slope) is a feature of this style. The interior features hardwood floors, a fireplace and French doors to the living room. A brick chimney and former coal chute in the basement and the kitchen and den are holdovers from the farmhouse that previously stood on the site.

SCHEDULE 'B'

STATEMENT OF CULTURAL HERITAGE VALUE – Gull Lake Rotary Park

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SCHEDULE 'C'

DESCRIPTION OF HERITAGE ATTRIBUTES – Gull Lake Rotary Park

There are five heritage elements associated with Gull Lake Rotary Park.

1 - The magnificent Pine Trees are a defining feature of the Park, with some of the trees having been there for 100 years.

2 - The offshore Barge is attached to the shore by a wooden walkway on piers, has a colourful lakeside backdrop which forms the vista to the north and east, and has a wooden scalloped edging attached around the skirt of the stage.

3 - There are two sets of Stone Stairs and a Stone Retaining Wall on the lakeside of the Park which were constructed by German Prisoners of War.

4 - The Public Utilities Commission (PUC) building is built out of concrete blocks. There is a graphic etched in concrete above the side door on the outside. Inside there remains evidence of industrial equipment near the ceiling on the west wall.

5 - This site was the staging area for the ice harvesting industry on Gull Lake.