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Ontario Heritage Trust
10 Adelaide Street East
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Attention: Renay Minichiello

Dear Renay Minichiello:

Re: Heritage Bylaws for Trust

Further to your e-mail dated September 24, 2019, enclosed please find the following:

1. Millworkers' Sidewalk
By-law #12-15
2. Woodside Mills (Mill of Kintail Gatehouse)
By-law #17-47
3. Dr. Sadler's House, 1258 Bellamy Mills Road
By-law #17-02
4. James McLaughlan House, 904 Quarry Road
By-law #90-01

If you have any further questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me at your convenience.

Respectfully yours,

Niki Dwyer MRPP MCIP
Director of Planning

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THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF MISSISSIPPI MILLS

BY-LAW NO. 12-15

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BEING a by-law to designate the Millworkers Sidewalk located on an unopened road allowance off of Union Street, between 102 and 114 Union Street.

WHEREAS the Ontario Heritage Act, R.S.O. 1990, C. O.18, as amended, authorizes the Council of a municipality to enact by-laws to designate real property, including the sidewalk and grounds surrounding it, to be of cultural heritage value or interest;

AND WHEREAS the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Mississippi Mills intends to serve upon the owners of the lands and premises known municipally as Millworkers Sidewalk (Bank Street) (more particularly described in Schedule "A"), and the Ontario Heritage Trust, notice of intention to designate to be published in the Canadian Gazette and a newspaper having a general circulation in Mississippi Mills;

AND WHEREAS no notice of objection to the said proposed designation was served upon the Clerk of the municipality;

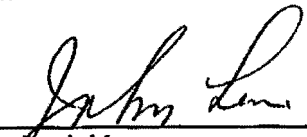
AND WHEREAS the statement of cultural heritage value or interest and description of heritage attributes are set out as Schedule "B";


NOW THEREFORE the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Mississippi Mills enact as follows:

1. The real property, known municipally as Millworkers Sidewalk (Bank Street) and more particularly described in Schedule "A" attached hereto, is hereby designated as being of cultural heritage value or interest.
2. The statement of culture heritage value or interest and description of heritage attributes are set out as Schedule "B" attached hereto.
3. The Municipality Solicitor is hereby authorized to cause a copy of this by-law to be registered against the property described in Schedule "A" hereto in the proper Land Registry office.
4. The Town Clerk is hereby authorized to cause a copy of the by-law to be served upon the owners of the property described in Schedule "A", and upon the Ontario Heritage Trust, and to cause notice of this by-law to be published in a newspaper having general circulation in the Town of Mississippi Mills.
5. The Schedules attached hereto and marked Schedule "A" and Schedule "B" form part of this by-law, and all notations, references and other information contained therein shall be as much a part of this by-law as if all the matters and information set forth by the said Schedules were all fully described herein.

BY-LAW READ a first and second time this 5th day of March, 2012.

BY-LAW READ a third time, passed, signed, and sealed in Open Council this 5th day of March, 2012.


John Levi, Mayor


Shawna Stone, Town Clerk



SCHEDULE "A" TO BY-LAW 12-15

All and singular that certain parcel or tract of land and premises situate, lying and being in the Municipality of Mississippi Mills, Province of Ontario, being composed of:

An unopened road allowance originally identified as Bank Street (Town of Almonte, Plan 6262)

Owner: The Corporation of the Town of Mississippi Mills

Type of Property: Public sidewalk

SCHEDULE "B" TO BY-LAW 12-15

STATEMENT OF CULTURAL HERITAGE VALUE

This sidewalk was built in order to provide a more direct route for millworkers to get to the Rosamond No. 1 mill located on Coleman's Island. This "millworkers' sidewalk" ran from Union Street to the easement for the railway tracks. At present the exposed part of the sidewalk is at the end closest to the embankment. At the top of the embankment, workers would have had to cross the railway tracks and descend the slope in order to cross over the two dams on the north channel of the Mississippi River before reaching Embankment Street and the gate into the mill.

The date of construction of the sidewalk has not been determined. Concrete was not available until the late 1800s. It would presumably have been a fair time later that concrete was first used in Almonte. Long-time residents of Almonte have only been able to say that the sidewalk and steps were there for as long as they can remember. As a rough guess, the sidewalk might have been built sometime around the end of the First World War or in the 1920s. It may be relevant, or simply coincidental that in 1919 the Rosamond Woolen Company bought the four lots on the south side of Bank Street, the same side that the sidewalk is situated.

People who lived adjacent to the millworkers' sidewalk and steps remember some workers using them in the mid to latter 1960s.

Contextual Value

The sidewalk would have given workers who lived east of Union Street (in the area known locally as Irish Town) a quicker walk to and from work. This may not appear to have been significant, but it did reduce the walk by about 10 minutes each way as workers otherwise would have had to cross the North Channel by the Main Street bridge. As millworkers generally went home for their mid-day meal (dinner) from 12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m., the sidewalk and steps would have given them extra time for their meal and cutting their total travelling time to and from work by some 40 minutes per day.

The building of the sidewalk (presumably by the town) and the construction of the steps illustrates how the town and the Mill might have cooperated on a project that would assist the millworkers. That the sidewalk was still being used by some millworkers in the latter part of the 1960s attests to its long-term value.

The sidewalk acts as a physical reminder of Almonte as a millworkers' town, and connects an area of the town where many of the workers and their families lived with the Rosamond Mill, the town's largest employer for over a century. It gives people of today an opportunity to reflect on one aspect of the routine life of a millworker in the first half of the 20th century.

Present Status of Property

The sidewalk, located on property owned by the Corporation of the Town of Mississippi Mills, remains an unopened road allowance. The part closest to Union Street is being used as an entrance driveway for the two houses located on either side of the allowance (102 and 114 Union Street North). The sidewalk that is visible is generally in good shape. It is, however, in danger of being forgotten as there are no markers or indicators of its historic nature.