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To Whom It May Concern:

Re: Notice of Intention to Designate under Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act: Welland Canal Second Aqueduct, Welland

Please be advised that City Council at its regular meeting of April 5, 2022 resolved its intention to designate the above noted lands under Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act.

In giving notice pursuant to the provision of the Ontario Heritage Act, I am enclosing a copy of a notice which is to be published in Niagara the Week on May 5, 2022. Subsequent to the 30 day appeal period required by the Ontario Heritage Act, provided no appeals are filed, the City Council will enact a by-law designating the property as being of cultural heritage value or interest.

Please contact me at 905-735-1700, extension 2132 if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Nicolas Aiello". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Nicolas Aiello
Policy Planner



NOTICE OF INTENTION TO DESIGNATE: WELLAND CANAL SECOND AQUEDUCT

TAKE NOTICE THAT the Council of the City of Welland intends to designate the property known as the "The Welland Canal Second Aqueduct" located municipally at 8 Merritt Island, Welland, as having Cultural Heritage Value under Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act, R.S.O. 1990, Chapter O.18, as amended.

Description of the property

This stone aqueduct, now largely filled with earth, is located on the east side of the Welland Recreational Waterway (former Welland Canal) along the Boardwalk and directly west of the present City Hall at 60 East Main Street.

Statement of Cultural Heritage Value or Interest

This stone aqueduct was built between 1842 and 1850 during construction of the Second Welland Canal to replace the original 1829 wooden aqueduct which carried the Canal over the Welland River (Chippawa Creek). Constructed of thousands of cut stones weighing approximately one ton each, it consists of a series of four stone arches supporting a large trough through which the canal and ships once passed. It was designed by Irish born engineers Walter and Francis Shanly and built by contractor Samuel Zimmerman. This aqueduct remained in use until construction of the Fourth Welland Canal (1913-1932).

The first urban settlement in what is now Welland came about due to the necessity to construct an aqueduct (of which this is the earliest surviving example) over the Welland River and the nucleus and downtown core of the present city grew up around it. The settlement itself was first known as "Aqueduct", later "Merrittsville" and finally "Welland". The aqueduct, therefore, can be said to be the catalyst that created this community.

Description of Heritage Attributes

Key attributes of the aqueduct that reflect its value as the oldest surviving aqueduct on the Welland Canal are:

- constructed of thousands of ashlar cut stones weighing approximately one ton each,
- consists of a series of four stone arches 45 feet wide with a span of 45 feet each capped with rows of stone voussoirs and stabilized with projecting buttresses that support a large trough (now infilled with earth) through which the canal and ships once passed.
- when it was completed in the 1840's, the aqueduct measured 45 feet wide and over 315 feet long.
- may be the oldest surviving stone aqueduct to carry water transportation in Canada

Written Notice of Objection

Any person may, within 30 days after the date of the publication of this Notice, serve written notice of their objections to the proposed designation of the property, together with a statement setting out the reason for the objection and all relevant facts. Such notice of objection shall be served on the City Clerk, City Clerk's Division, City of Welland, Civic Square, 60 East Main Street, Welland, Ontario, L3B 3X4.; Email: clerk@welland.ca .

Further information on this matter may be obtained by contacting Nicolas Aiello, Policy Planner, Planning and Development Services at 905-735-1700 ext. 2132, or nicolas.aiello@welland.ca.

Nicolas Aiello
Policy Planner

Dated: May 5, 2022