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On July 19, 2022, the Council of the City of Kawartha Lakes passed Bylaw 2022-127 under Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act, R.S. O. 1990, c.18, to designate 6697 Highway 35, Geographic Township of Bexley as a property of cultural heritage value and interest. A copy of the notice of designation and designation by-law is enclosed.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Emily Turner".

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Notice: Designation of Property under the Ontario Heritage Act

Take Notice that the Council of the City of Kawartha Lakes, on July 19, 2022, passed By-law 2022-127 to designate the following property under Section 29 of the Ontario Heritage Act, R.S.O. 1990, c.18, as a property of cultural heritage value or interest:

6697 Highway 35, Geographic Township of Bexley
57R-7569 Part 1; 57R-7334 Parts 1 & 2; 57R16 Part 10; Part of Lots 15 to 18, Range GR

Statement of Reasons for Designation

Design and Physical Value

6697 Highway 35 has design and physical value as a representative example of a rural railway station in turn of the century Ontario constructed by the Grand Trunk Railway to their standardized corporate plan. Using elements borrowed from the Queen Anne style, such as decorative shingles, brackets, and asymmetrical massing, the style is demonstrative of the romantic and picturesque styles preferred by the Grand Trunk Railway for their rural and small town stations in the early years of the twentieth century. The property is also a rare surviving example of a railway station in Kawartha Lakes where the majority of both urban and rural railway stations have been demolished.

Historical and Associative Value

6697 Highway 35 has historical and associative value as the former train station for Coboconk which had a major impact on the town's economic and demographic growth beginning the 1870s when the line arrived in the community. The property yields information regarding the railway in Coboconk and its role in the development of the community where it helped facilitated the lumber boom of the late nineteenth century as well as the shift in the economy in the early twentieth century with the development of the cottage country tourist industry which continues to be an important economic driver in the community today. Both the lumber and tourism industries were vital to the evolution of the community and the station, as the primary extant feature from the railway period, provides information on the role of the railway in their establishment and growth.



Contextual Value

6697 Highway 35 has contextual value as an local landmark in Coboconk and the surrounding area, as well as part of the surviving historic landscape of the village. The property is an important community landmark from its original constructed as the train station in the village to its evolution to community centre and planned redevelopment. The property is historically related to the wider historic landscape of Coboconk dating from the mid-nineteenth century and supports the historic small town character of the community. It has wider significance as part of the broader railway landscape in the northern part of Kawartha Lakes where it has historic connections to other extant stations, infrastructure and engineering works.

Further information respecting the designation is available at the City's Economic Development Department. Interested parties may object to the designating by-law to the Ontario Land Tribunal. Any objection to this designation must be filed within 30 days of August 4, 2022 and include the reasons for objection to the designating by-law and the fee charged by the Tribunal. Objections should be directed to: Cathie Richie, Clerk, City of Kawartha Lakes, P.O. Box 9000, 26 Francis Street, Lindsay, ON K9V 5R8.

The by-law will come into effect on the day following the last day of the notice period.

Any inquiries may be directed to:

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