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OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK
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Notice of Intention to Designate

TAKE NOTICE that the Council of the Corporation of the City of Thunder Bay intends to designate the property, including lands and buildings, at the following municipal address as a property of architectural and/or historical value or interest under Part IV of the *Ontario Heritage Act*, R.S.O. 1990, Chapter O.18.

Vickers Park is located at 1700 Arthur Street East, CON 2 N PT LOT 2 in the Westfort Ward of the City of Thunder Bay, formerly known as Fort William.

Its history as a park began in 1902 when Catherine Mary Vickers made a formal offer of 10 acres of land to the Town for the development of a public park or garden to be known as “The Vickers Park”, a permanent memorial to her late husband John Joseph (J.J.) Vickers along with close allies and steadfast forefathers of Fort William, John McIntyre and John McKellar.

Vickers Park was the first park to be developed in Fort William. The park property was gifted by a family with close and valued connections to the community. The donor, Catherine Mary Vickers, was the daughter of Susanna Moodie and niece of Catherine Parr Traill, both nationally recognized authors. The landscape is notable by way of its circular pathways and garden settings that date back to 1911. Notable built structures include the four boulders engraved as memorials each one marking a corner of the park, the iconic 1928 era main entry archway which is a recognizable city landmark, and the 1945 era washroom and storage building that was designed to suit the architectural styles of many of the homes surrounding the park.

Vickers Park occupies its original site and remains in its intended use as a public park to be enjoyed by the community. The site has matured as a significant landmark for the City of Thunder Bay and the neighbourhood which developed around it.

Further information respecting the notice of intention to designate the property is available from the Office of the City Clerk.

Any person may, within thirty days of the first publication of this notice, send by registered mail or deliver to the City Clerk of the City of Thunder Bay notice of their objection to the proposed designation; together with a statement of the reasons for the objections and all relevant facts.

DATED at THUNDER BAY this 19th day of February, 2022

Notice of Objection should be mailed by **March 21, 2022** to the Office of the City Clerk.

Krista Power, City Clerk
500 Donald Street East, 3rd Floor
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