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City of Oshawa
50 Centre Street South
Oshawa, ON
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**Re: Notice of Intent to Designate
Second Marsh (located south of Colonel Sam Drive)**

Pursuant to Part IV of the *Ontario Heritage Act*, R.S.O. 1990, Chapter O. 18, please be advised that the Council of the Corporation of the City of Oshawa intends to designate the following property as a property of cultural heritage value or interest:

Second Marsh (located south of Colonel Sam Drive) (described as Pt. W1/2 & NE ¼ Lot 2 Concession Broken Front East Whitby; Pt. SE Pt. Lot 2 Concession Broken Front East Whitby; Pt. SE Pt. Lot 2 Concession Broken Front East Whitby as in D415999 (Firstly); Oshawa, being PIN 26938-0012 (LT); and, Road Allowance between Lots 2 & 3 Concession Broken Front East Whitby; road allowance between Lots 4 & 5 Concession Broken Front East Whitby; Pt. Lot 3 Concession Broken Front East Whitby; Pt. Lot 4 Concession Broken Front East Whitby; Pt. Lot 5 Concession Broken Front East Whitby as in * OS66363, OS69070*, OS70876, D415999 (Secondly) Pts. 2 & 3, 40R16881, Pts. 1, 3 & 5, 40R6375, Pt. 1, 40R15761 S. of Colonel Sam Dr., E. of EW19461, D363463 except Pts. 2 & 3, 40R15761, Pt. 3, Exprop. Pl. 149, D119084, D460774, Pt. 1, 40R16155, Pts. 1* & 4*, 40R4996, Pt. 1, 40R1446, Harbour Road, Oshawa; S/T D16235, D16974E; Oshawa, being PIN 163780053 (LT); and, East Whitby Concession BF Pt. Lot 4 RP 40R6375 Part 4, Oshawa.)

Reasons for the Proposed Designation

1. Location and Description of Property

Second Marsh is a 137 hectare (339 ac.) coastal wetland located along the shore of Lake Ontario, east of the Oshawa Harbour. Second Marsh and its surrounding lands include a wide variety of habitat types (e.g. meadow marsh, thicket swamp) that form a complex biological and hydrological system for a diversity of species. As one of the best remaining examples of coastal wetlands in Southern Ontario, Second Marsh has been designated as a Provincially Significant Wetland (P.S.W.) and Life Science Area of Natural and Scientific Interest (A.N.S.I.) by the provincial government of Ontario.

2. Legal Description

The property at Second Marsh, located south of Colonel Sam Drive, is identified as:

Pt. W1/2 & NE ¼ Lot 2 Concession Broken Front East Whitby; Pt. SE Pt. Lot 2 Concession Broken Front East Whitby; Pt. SE Pt. Lot 2 Concession Broken Front East Whitby as in D415999 (Firstly); Oshawa, being PIN 26938-0012 (LT); and, Road Allowance between Lots 2 & 3 Concession Broken Front East Whitby; road allowance between Lots 4 & 5 Concession Broken Front East Whitby; Pt. Lot 3 Concession Broken Front East Whitby; Pt. Lot 4 Concession Broken Front East Whitby; Pt. Lot 5 Concession Broken Front East Whitby as in * OS66363, OS69070*, OS70876, D415999 (Secondly) Pts. 2 & 3, 40R16881, Pts. 1, 3 & 5, 40R6375, Pt. 1, 40R15761 S. of Colonel Sam Dr., E. of EW19461, D363463 except Pts. 2 & 3, 40R15761, Pt. 3, Exprop. Pl. 149, D119084, D460774, Pt. 1, 40R16155, Pts. 1* & 4*, 40R4996, Pt. 1, 40R1446, Harbour Road, Oshawa; S/T D16235, D16974E; Oshawa, being PIN 163780053 (LT); and, East Whitby Concession BF Pt. Lot 4 RP 40R6375 Part 4, Oshawa.

3. Statement of Cultural Heritage Value or Interest

Oshawa's Second Marsh is a site rich in Indigenous and settler history that witnessed the development of the City. It is significant for its direct association with the early history of Oshawa, having been explored and mapped by Samuel de Champlain in 1616 and being the site of an early French trading post and the residence of one of Oshawa's first European settlers. As early as 1816 it provided the setting for the City's first cemetery and was the location of a shipbuilding business operated by the Farewell Brothers. It is also significant for its association with several important early Oshawa families, including the Wilsons, Farewells, Conants, Woons, and Beatons of Beaton's Dairy. It was the southerly terminus of the ancient Scugog Carrying Place Trail and is bordered by the historic Gifford Hill drumlin.

Since the late 1900s, Second Marsh has been the focus of interest for many groups including Environment Canada, Friends of Second Marsh, the Central Lake Ontario Conservation Authority, Ducks Unlimited and the City of Oshawa for its natural heritage significance. Free, year-round public access to the area is facilitated through a network of trails, along with raised viewing decks, osprey nesting platforms and other birdhouses.

Second Marsh is home to a number of rare and at-risk species and provides spawning habitat for several fish species and nesting areas for many birds, including the rare Little Gull. It is an example of an effective pond stormwater and invasive species management system and provides refuge and a stopover for migratory birds, and a pathway for wildlife travelling along the lakeshore.

Heritage Attributes

The key heritage attributes of Second Marsh that reflect its value as an important link to the history of Oshawa consist of the following:

- The association of the Second Marsh and its adjacent landscape with many of Oshawa's founding families and their commercial endeavours, including the Wilsons, the Farewells, the Conants, the Woons, the Beatons, and the Giffords;
- The proximity of the Second Marsh to several identified archaeological sites, including site #AIGq-46, which is listed in the Ontario Ministry of Tourism, Culture and Sport's provincial archeological registry;
- The value of the Second Marsh to the many volunteers and citizens of Oshawa who have worked over several decades to support, restore, and maintain the health of this natural resource for the benefit, enjoyment, and recreation of their fellow residents and visitors, including the Friends of Second Marsh;
- The many distinct layers of history, including that of First Nations peoples, associated with the Second Marsh and the adjacent Scugog Carrying Place, and extending through Oshawa's early settlement and industry, up to its current role as a focus for environmental education;
- The naturally occurring barrier beach and view of the harbour, Gifford Hill, Lakeview Park, and Bonnie Brae Point;
- The extent of the natural vegetation (as of 2020, 588 species of plants have been identified at the Second Marsh - 8 provincially significant and 136 regionally extirpated, rare and uncommon);
- The high diversity of wildlife, including 288 species of birds identified at the Second Marsh as of 2020 (the wetland is located on the Atlantic flyway, and therefore is an important staging and nesting area for waterfowl), along with 32 mammal species and numerous fish species;
- The numerous and varied trails and habitats, including meadow, pond, swamp, woodland, marsh and beach;
- The interest in the Second Marsh from an academic and research perspective given its highly unique features;
- The west-side berm and fish-gate structure that separate Farewell Creek and the harbour from the Second Marsh, protecting it from sediment, contamination, and invasive species, as well as a pump house which is utilized to manage water levels as part of the ongoing management of the wetland to mimic natural processes;
- The links to other natural coastal features, including Darlington Provincial Park and McLaughlin Bay Wildlife Reserve; and,
- The network of trails, boardwalks and viewing platforms within the Second Marsh.

While the full particulars of the Reasons for Designation for Second Marsh are normally available for inspection in Planning Services, 8th Floor, City Hall, 50 Centre Street South, between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, access to City Hall is subject to

COVID-19 protocols. Accordingly, please call or email the City Contact identified below as our business operations are subject to change as the Province of Ontario reopens.

Any person may, on or before the 20th day of February, 2021, send by registered mail or deliver to the City Clerk, Notice of Objection to the proposed designation, together with a statement of their reasons for the objection and all relevant facts. If a Notice of Objection is received, the Council of the City of Oshawa will refer the matter to the Conservation Review Board for a hearing and a report.

If you require further information or clarification, please contact me at the address shown or by telephone at (905) 436-3311, extension 2402.



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