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Please find enclosed a Notice of Intention to Designate for the property known municipally as 1011 Portage Road, Geographic Township of Eldon.

The last date for objections is June 30, 2023. If no objections are filed by 4:00 p.m. on that date with the clerk of the municipality, Council will proceed to pass a bylaw designating the property at the next available Council meeting.

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

Sincerely,

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Notice: Intention to Designate Property under the Ontario Heritage Act

Take Notice that the Council of the City of Kawartha Lakes, on May 23, 2023, passed a resolution of intent 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:

1011 Portage Road, Geographic Township of Eldon
LT 6 N/S NELSON ST AND W/S KING ST PL 106; LT B, 20 E/S WELLINGTON ST, 21 E/S WELLINGTON ST PL 106; WELLINGTON ST PL 106 CLOSED BY UNREGISTERED BYLAW NO. 1102; LT 7 N/S NELSON ST AND W/S KING ST PL 106; LT 5 N/S NELSON ST AND W/S KING ST PL 106; PT LT 6 W/S KING ST AND N/S NELSON ST PL 106; PT LT A PL 106; PT S PT LT 41-42 CON N PORTAGE RD ELDON PT 1, 57R1457;; CITY OF KAWARTHA LAKES

Statement of Reasons for Designation

Design and Physical Value

1011 Portage Road has design and physical value as a representative example of a late nineteenth century estate in Kawartha Lakes. Developed for railway builder and Kirkfield native Sir William Mackenzie and his family, the property includes a large Queen Anne style house with distinctive bay and gable forms, that is representative of the employment of this style in larger homes of the period, as well as a range of landscape features constructed in the period after 1888. It is one of only a few extant late nineteenth century estate houses in Kawartha Lakes and, along with the prominent house, retains a wide array of extant landscape features on the property including the perimeter wall, the grove of Norway spruce and the former gatehouse building. Taken together, these elements form a cohesive cultural heritage landscape which demonstrate the stylistic considerations of a late nineteenth century country estate.

Historical and Associative Value

1011 Portage Road has historical and associative value for its direct historical associations with Sir William Mackenzie for whom the estate was originally constructed. Mackenzie, who was born in Kirkfield, grew into one of the key players in the expansion of railways in Canada in the second half of the nineteenth century, including the development of the transcontinental railway. Despite his successes on the national stage, Mackenzie remained connected to Kirkfield and chose to build his country estate in the village in 1888. In 1976,



Mackenzie was recognized as a person of national historic significance by the Historic Sites and Monuments Board of Canada. The plaque associated with this designation is located on the subject property, recognizing Mackenzie's connection to his country estate and hometown.

Contextual Value

1011 Portage Road has contextual value as a local and regional landmark. Its role as the former Mackenzie Estate and the current home of the Sir William Mackenzie Inn make it a recognized and well known location in both Kirkfield and the wider region. Further, the property is a contributing feature to the historic hamlet landscape of Kirkfield which includes a wide array of late nineteenth and twentieth century historic structures. The subject property supports and maintains the historic hamlet character of the area and also is historically linked to its surroundings, both as part of the wider redevelopment of Kirkfield in the late nineteenth century, but also through direct connections with a range of other businesses directly related to the Mackenzies.

Further information respecting the proposed designation is available at the City's Economic Development Department. Any objection to this designation must be filed within 30 days of June 1, 2023. Objections should be directed to: Cathie Richie, Clerk, City of Kawartha Lakes, P.O. Box 9000, 26 Francis Street, Lindsay, ON K9V 5R8.

Any inquiries may be directed to:

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