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December 11, 2023

Ontario Heritage Trust
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Please find enclosed a Notice of Intention to Designate for the property known municipally as 1 King Street East, Village of Omemee.

The last date for objections is January 9, 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,

Emily Turner
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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 November 21, 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:

1 King Street East, Village of Omemee
PT LT 1 N/S KING ST AND E/S STURGEON ST PL 109 AS IN R350011;
KAWARTHA LAKES

Statement of Reasons for Designation

Design and Physical Attributes

1 King Street East has design and physical value as a representative example of a small-town bank branch constructed in the early twentieth century. Constructed around 1923 likely to the design of noted Peterborough architect W.R.L. Blackwell, the building demonstrates key features found in bank design at this time, including the use of a restrained Edwardian Classical style in the first two decades of the twentieth century. It is a well-executed example of this type of structure, but holds further significance in Omemee as the hamlet's only bank building and as the only building executed in this style in the community.

Historical and Associative Attributes

1 King Street East has historical and associative value as Omemee's only purpose built bank. Through its historical role as the Bank of Toronto and later TD Bank, the property yields information regarding the commercial development of Omemee throughout the late nineteenth and early twentieth century as the primary settlement and commercial hub in Emily Township, as well as the development of banking in small-town Ontario around the turn of the twentieth century when banks expanded into smaller communities through the construction of new branches. It has direct historical associations with the history of banking and commercial growth in Omemee. In addition to its important historical role within the community, the building is believed to have been designed by prominent Peterborough architect W.R.L. Blackwell who was one of the preferred architects of the Bank of Toronto in the 1920s when this building was constructed, and an important architect in the Peterborough and Kawartha Lakes region for his wide array of designs in communities across both counties.



Contextual Attributes

1 King Street East has contextual value as a contributing feature to the historic downtown streetscape of Omemee and as a landmark property. The property supports the character of King Street as the village's commercial core as one of a range of historic buildings constructed along the street between about 1890 and 1920. It is historically linked to its surroundings as part of the King Street corridor, which includes a range of historic commercial buildings and forms a part of a cohesive historic commercial streetscape through its connections to other commercial buildings along King Street. The building is also a landmark in its former role as a bank and its prominent location at the intersection of King Street and Sturgeon Road.

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 December 11, 2023. Objections should be directed to: Cathie Richie, Clerk, City of Kawartha Lakes, P.O. Box 9000, 26 Francis Street, Lindsay, ON K9V 5R8. Objections may be filed electronically at clerks@kawarthalakes.ca.

Any inquiries may be directed to:

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