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December 11, 2023

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Please find enclosed a Notice of Intention to Designate for the property known municipally as 1473 Highway 7A, Geographic Township of Manvers.

The last date for objections is January 9, 2024. 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:

1473 Highway 7A, Geographic Township of Manvers
LT 4 N/S KING ST PL 5 MANVERS; PT LT 5 N/S KING ST PL 5 MANVERS AS
IN MV10945

Statement of Reasons for Designation

Design and Physical Value

1473 Highway 7A is a representative, but rare, example of false façade commercial architecture in Bethany. Constructed in 1859, the property displays key characteristic of a false façade commercial building, an ubiquitous mid-nineteenth century vernacular building type which is typified by the use of a large false façade, often including decorative elements, covering a plain, vernacular building to the rear to lend an air of permanence and size to an otherwise non-descript building. 1473 Highway 7A is one of the few buildings of this type remaining extant Bethany, and in Kawartha Lakes more generally, where the majority of these early commercial structures were replaced in the late nineteenth century with larger brick buildings in the Italianate style.

Historical and Associative Value

1473 Highway 7A has historical and associative value as the Bethany General Store and a key commercial establishment in downtown Bethany. It has direct historical associations with the commercial development of Bethany in the mid-nineteenth century after the arrival of the railway in 1856 when the community grew up as the major settlement, commercial and service hub for the surrounding rural agricultural area. In its historic and continuing role as the Bethany General Store, it yields information regarding the role of the general store in nineteenth century Ontario communities and has direct associations with prominent local citizen Alfred Ryley who established the store and also served as the first Clerk of Manvers Township and held the position for forty-five years.

Contextual Value

1473 Highway 7A has contextual value as a defining feature of downtown



Bethany and a local landmark. The property is a defining feature of the historic streetscape of Highway 7A which forms the commercial core of the hamlet and supports and maintains its historic small town character as a key nineteenth-century commercial building. The building is also a local landmark for its longstanding presence in the community and continuous operation as a general store since 1859. It is Bethany's primary retail establishment.

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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