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**Notice of Intent
to designate a property within the municipality
to be of cultural heritage value or interest
Rosseau Memorial Hall**

Notice is hereby given that the Council of The Corporation of the Township of Seguin intends to designate the Rosseau Memorial Hall to be of cultural heritage value or interest under the Ontario Heritage Act.

Rosseau Memorial Hall located at 2 Victoria Street West, Village of Rosseau, Township of Seguin, Plan 163 Part Lot 18. The Rosseau Memorial Hall is a 1-storey hall, with a basement walk-out on the east side, built in 1924, located on the north side of Victoria Street West in the Village of Rosseau.

Statement of Significance of Cultural Heritage Value

The Rosseau Memorial Hall is valued as a unique and representative example of an Arts-and-Crafts-style community hall constructed from fieldstone, with unique Nordic architectural influences. This is expressed through the hall's deep gable eaves, pointed-arch windows, and gable dormers on the south and north elevations typical of the Arts and Crafts style; and its exaggerated roofscape, and the Dutch or Germanic Jerkinhead roof profile on the east and west elevations influenced by Nordic architecture. The property is distinguished by its high-quality fieldstone masonry construction, executed with a high degree of craftsmanship using the German construction technique of naturally-shaped masonry.

Built and financed by local residents and cottagers in 1924 and stewarded by the community since this time, the Hall is significant to the community of Rosseau as the centre of social, communal and civic life in the town for the past 100 years. In many ways, the Hall is a physical manifestation and symbol of the local community's engagement, identity, and pride. The Hall's plaque commemorating the local soldiers who served in the First and Second World War, as well as the

three cornerstones, yield information that contributes to an understanding of the town's history and its residents during the early 20th century.

The Rosseau Memorial Hall is also valued for its contribution to the late-19th and early-20th-century village character of Rosseau. As a fieldstone building, the Hall is a unique and defining structure in this context, and serves as a local landmark in the community. Together with the nearby Rosseau General Store, original Township Hall, and the Church of the Redeemer, the Hall is part of a hub of civic, ecclesiastical, and commercial buildings at the centre of Rosseau developed during the late-19th and early-20th centuries.

Further information on the proposed designation of the property may be obtained by reviewing Township of Seguin Staff Report No. CS-2024-006 and/or contacting:

**Dominique O'Brien, Director of Community Services,
Township of Seguin Municipal Office,
5 Humphrey Drive,
Seguin, ON P2A 2W8
(705) 732-4300**

Notice of objection to the notice of intention to designate the property must be submitted in writing no later than 4:00 p.m. local time Friday, August 23rd, 2024 to:

Township of Seguin Municipal Office
5 Humphrey Drive,
Seguin, ON P2A 2W8
info@seguin.ca
ATTENTION: Craig Jeffery, Clerk

Copies of Staff Report No. CS-2024-006 are available at the Township of Seguin Municipal Office free of charge. The Report is also available in PDF on the Township's website under the "Public Notices" section.

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