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NOTICE OF INTENTION TO DESIGNATE 185 MILL STREET
UNDER PART IV OF THE ONTARIO HERITAGE ACT

TAKE NOTICE that the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Gananoque intends to designate the following property formerly known as "Stone's Mills", as a structure of historic or architectural value or interest, under Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act, R.S.O. 1990:

MUNICIPAL ADDRESS: 185 Mill-Street, Town of Gananoque
LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Lots 1017 to 1021 Plan 86 W
HISTORICAL REFERENCE: Cliffe Craft

REASONS FOR PROPOSED DESIGNATION

SUMMARY: The property, situated along the west bank of the Gananoque River just north of where it empties into the St. Lawrence River, was part of the extensive lands granted to the founder of Gananoque, Captain Joel Stone, U.E.L. The two linked masonry structures which together comprise the former factory, now known municipally as 185 Mill Street, have been a fixture of the Gananoque waterfront since, at least, the last quarter of the 19th century with the stone structure likely pre-dating the mid 19th century. Stone's mills and subsequent associated enterprises became the catalyst for Gananoque's growth.

In recent times the buildings have served as the factory for Cliffe Craft, a local boat building company, whose motor boats became well known in Eastern Ontario and northern New York State between the 1960's and the 1980's.

The following outline the reasons for Designation:

- As a good surviving example of industrial architecture and its evolution in the mid to late 19th century with the stone building in particular exhibiting unusually fine features for a building of its type suggesting the prominence of its original owner;
- As an excellent representative of the industrial heritage of Gananoque (its original raison d'etre) and its development at the confluence of the Gananoque River and the St. Lawrence. The buildings housed many important industries including E.E. Abbot's pioneering foundry, the nascent Steel Company of Canada and, most importantly, Link Manufacturing. The association with Link and the manufacture of the Link trainers is a theme of international significance.
- As a visual landmark, since at least the 1870's, as viewed from the mouth of the Gananoque River, a scene continuously depicted in published engravings and photos from that time until the present.

Character-defining elements:

- General multi-bay longitudinally orientated form of both structures under parapeted shallow gable roofs;
- The fenestration, i.e., paired multi-paned wooden sash of both structures;
- The stonework of the more northerly structure combining the general rubble coursing with cut stone accent elements including the voussoired arches at door and window openings, the window sills, quoins, parapet caps and console type corbels at the base of the parapets;
- The stonework of the foundation of the more southerly structure combining random rubble coursing with cut stone quoins;
- The brick work of the southerly structure including the composite rowlock arches;
- Particular evidence of their early industrial functions such as the loading bay openings and pulley arm extending from the upper door of the stone structure.
- Its setting down to the Gananoque River and as viewed from the river mouth.

A more detailed Reasons for Designation may be viewed at the Office of the Clerk, Town of Gananoque Town Hall, 30 King Street East, Gananoque, or on our website at www.townofgananoque.ca

NOTICE OF OBJECTION: Any person who objects to the proposed designation may on or before the 24th day of March, 2006, serve on the Clerk of the Town of Gananoque, a notice of objection setting out the reason for the objection and all relevant facts. Service may be made by delivery personally to the Clerk or by registered mail. If service is made by registered mail, it is not effective unless and until it is actually received by the Clerk and the responsibility for ensuring it is received within the prescribed time rests with the person filing the objection. If such a notice is actually received after the prescribed time, it will not be accepted by the Clerk as a valid objection.

Dated this 22nd day of February, 2006.

Steve Silver, Clerk
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