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# CITY OF ST. CATHARINES

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To Whomever This May Concern,

Re: Designation under the Ontario Heritage Act  
Mill and Miller's House at Morningstar  
Mill Site, 2716 DeCew Road  
File No. 10.64.141 Vol. 3

Please be advised that City Council at its regular meeting of July 28, 1997 passed a by-law designating the above-noted properties under the Ontario Heritage Act.

Three (3) certified copies of By-law 97-233 is enclosed for your records.

Please contact the writer at (905) 688-5600, extension 1710 if you have any questions.

Yours truly,

*K. Blozowski*

Kevin Blozowski,  
Secretary-Treasurer,  
St. Catharines Heritage Committee

Encl.

c.c. A. Poulin, City Solicitor  
K. Todd, City Clerk

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CITY OF ST. CATHARINES

BY-LAW NO. **97-233**

A By-law to designate the Mill and Miller's House located at the Morningstar Mill Site, 2716 DeCew Road, to be of historic or architectural value or interest.

WHEREAS the Ontario Heritage Act, R.S.O. 1990, c. 0.18, authorizes the council of a municipality to enact by-laws to designate property within the municipality to be of historic or architectural value or interest;

AND WHEREAS property under the Ontario Heritage Act means real property and includes all buildings or structures thereon;

AND WHEREAS the Council of The Corporation of the City of St. Catharines has caused to be served upon the owner of the property described in Schedule "A" hereto, containing the Mill and Miller's House at the Morningstar Mill Site, 2716 DeCew Road, and upon the Ontario Heritage Foundation notice of intention to designate the property and has caused such notice of intention to be published in a newspaper having general circulation in the municipality;

AND WHEREAS the reasons for designation are set out as Schedule "B" hereto;

AND WHEREAS no notice of objection to the proposed designation has been served upon the Clerk of the City of St. Catharines.

NOW THEREFORE THE COUNCIL OF THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF ST. CATHARINES enacts as follows:

1. The property, more particularly described in Schedule "A" attached hereto, containing the Mill and Miller's House at the Morningstar Mill Site, 2716 DeCew Road, is hereby designated to be of historic or architectural value or interest.

2. The City Solicitor is hereby authorized to cause a copy of this By-law to be registered against the property described in Schedule "A" hereto in the proper Land Registry Office.

CERTIFIED under the Hand of the Clerk and the  
Seal of the  
CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF ST. CATHARINES  
to be a TRUE COPY of By-law 97-233  
of the Corporation of the City of St. Catharines

DATED the 30<sup>th</sup> day of July 19 97

Clerk of the Corporation of  
the City of St. Catharines

3. The City Clerk is hereby authorized to cause a copy of this By-law to be served upon the owner of the property and upon the Ontario Heritage Foundation and to cause notice of this By-law to be published in a newspaper having general circulation in the City of St. Catharines.

Read a first time this 28<sup>th</sup> day of July 1997.  
Read a second time this 28<sup>th</sup> day of July 1997.  
Read a third time and passed this 28<sup>th</sup> day of July 1997.

  
CLERK

  
MAYOR

SCHEDULE "A" TO BY-LAW NO. 97-233

City of St. Catharines, Regional Municipality of Niagara, formerly in the Township of Grantham, in the County of Lincoln, and being Part Lot 22, Concession 10, designated as Part 2 on Reference Plan 30R-2576.

RESERVING UNTO Ontario Hydro the right in the nature of an easement for the purposes as set out in Instrument No. 600436 over Part 2 on Plan 30R-2576.



#### SUMMARY

The site, with the Mill, Miller's House, and gorge as focal points, is a unique representation of early Ontario milling heritage of provincial significance.

#### THE MILL

The Mill was built of native stone quarried from the nearby pond in 1872 by Robert Chappel and sold to Wilson Morningstar in 1883. Morningstar operated the Mill until 1933. The one and one half storey mill has a gabled roof, with wood shingles. Tie rod ends are visible between the first and upper floor. The windows are double-hung with six panes in each sash, with a tooled lugsill supporting each window. The interior woodwork - floor, support beams, elevator shafts - are of white pine. The interior walls are plastered. Paint was not used on the inside as it would taint the flour. A replica wooden turbine shed is a more recent addition on the north side of the Mill, which has recently been restored to working order by a group called "The Friends of the Mill".

#### THE MILLER'S HOUSE

The two storey, wood frame house, was built around 1898 by Morningstar. It is of simple Victorian style finished in wood clapboard and painted white. Decorative green trim around porch edges, windows and roof lines add interest. The porches are distinct architectural elements, supported by decorative wood columns and wood brackets. Bay windows on the ground floor and double-hung windows throughout the remainder of the house can be found. The house has also recently been restored by the John Howard Society of Niagara.

#### THE SITE/FUTURE PROJECTS

The site is located next to DeCew Falls on the Niagara Escarpment. It is currently being improved in conjunction with work on the Mill and Miller's House. Projects that have been identified and that could be undertaken in the short and longer term include construction of a stone bridge to replace an existing wooden one, as well as reconstruction of a suspension bridge over Beaverdam's Creek and a saw mill on the west side of the creek, a viewing platform overlooking the gorge, a gazebo, and extension of the barn immediately off of DeCew Road (south east corner of the site).