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**NOTICE OF INTENTION TO DESIGNATE
UNDER THE ONTARIO HERITAGE ACT, R.S.O. 1990, c. O.18**

TAKE NOTICE that the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Gravenhurst intends to designate the following properties, under Section 29 of *The Ontario Heritage Act* (R.S.O 1990, Ch. O. 18):

1. Knox Presbyterian Church (315 Muskoka Road North)
2. Clipsham House (180 Phillip Street West)
3. Rosehurst/Mickle House/Garner Lodge (315 Bay Street)
4. Blaincroft B&B/ Maple Hall (180 Hughson Street).

By-laws to designate these properties are to be considered by Gravenhurst Town Council at its regular meeting to be held on **Tuesday April 29th, 2014**.

STATEMENT OF CULTURAL HERITAGE VALUE (Knox Presbyterian): *Knox Presbyterian Church* is the oldest church in Gravenhurst. The congregation was formed in 1875 and held services in the North Ward School. In the fall of 1876, the foundation was laid and the building was finished in 1877. Rev. Malcolm Bethune was inducted in Gravenhurst in June 1889. In 1891, his son, Dr. Norman Bethune, was born at the Manse.

HERITAGE ATTRIBUTES (Knox Presbyterian): Knox Presbyterian Church was built of local wood in Carpenter Gothic or commonly known as board and batten construction. The roof is straight peaked. There is a small entrance foyer with access to the bell tower. The sanctuary ceiling is mansard style which leaves an "Angel Room" under the peaked roof. The acorns carved at the base of the ceiling trusses were used to represent strength and permanence of the early church. The windows have three arches which remind us of the Trinity-Father, Son & Holy Spirit.

STATEMENT OF CULTURAL HERITAGE VALUE (Clipsham House): James Everett *Clipsham* opened his Carriage Works, Blacksmith Shop and Livery Business in 1877. His home reflected his prominence which was built adjacent to his business immediately following the Great Fire of 1887. The two-storey residence was constructed of brick to conform to the newly enacted by-law prohibiting wood construction in the business core of the Town.

HERITAGE ATTRIBUTES: The two-storey brick home is graced by a large porch contrasting brick trim, gable windows and a single-storey "tail" of wood construction which originally housed the summer kitchen.

STATEMENT OF CULTURAL HERITAGE VALUE (Rosehurst/Mickle): *Rosehurst*, known as Mickle House and later as Garner Lodge was built in 1884 by Charles Mickle, a highly successful lumberman. Mickle was twice elected Mayor of Gravenhurst and was champion of the building of the Gravenhurst Opera House/Town Hall. Rosehurst became a social hub of Gravenhurst with Emma Mickle hosting countless community celebrations and amateur theatricals.

HERITAGE ATTRIBUTES: Surviving original features of the building include the mansard roof, a bay window on the western side of the building, three garden arches to the west of the house, carriage steps at the edge of Bay Street and a garden urn on the front lawn.

STATEMENT OF CULTURAL HERITAGE VALUE (Blaincroft/Maple Hall): *Blaincroft* was built in 1887 on a lot originally owned by beverage merchant Dugald Brown. It is now situated on an historic precinct encompassing Bethune Memorial House, and Finch House across the Street. The building is representative of the brick buildings which sprung up in Town as a response to heightened awareness of the vulnerability of wooden construction after the Great Fire.

HERITAGE ATTRIBUTES: The one and a half storey Victorian Cottage is built in the Gothic Revival Style. The brick building features a wrap-around verandah and gable windows.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION is available at the Town of Gravenhurst. Please contact Jeremy Rand, Planner during office hours (8:30 a.m. 4:30 p.m. Monday to Friday) and can be reached at 705-687-3412 x. 246.

Any person may send, by registered mail, or deliver to the Clerk of the Town of Gravenhurst notice of their objection to the proposed designation, reasons for the objection and all relevant facts. If Notice of Objection is received, the Council of the Town of Gravenhurst will refer the matter to the Conservation Review Board for a hearing.

Dated at the Town of Gravenhurst
this 1st day of April, 2014.

Candace Thwaites
Clerk