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Dear Sirs:

**RE: Ontario Heritage Act—Notice of Intention to Designate**  
▪ **Plan 313, Pt. Blk G, in the Town of Kingsville, in the County of Essex**

Enclosed please find Notice of Intention to Designate for the above-captioned property which is being served upon you pursuant to Section 29 of the *Ontario Heritage Act*, R.S.O. 1990, c.O.18.

This Notice was published in the October 23, 2007 edition of The Kingsville Reporter, a newspaper having general circulation in the municipality of The Corporation of the Town of Kingsville.

Yours truly,

Linda Burling, Clerk  
LB/sjk

Enclosure

**BY REGISTERED MAIL**



## CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF KINGSVILLE

IN THE MATTER OF THE ONTARIO HERITAGE ACT, R.S.O. 1990, c. O. 18, AS AMENDED, AND  
IN THE MATTER OF THE PROPERTY  
LEGALLY DESCRIBED AS PLAN 313, PT. BLK G, IN THE TOWN OF KINGSVILLE,  
IN THE COUNTY OF ESSEX AND PROVINCE OF ONTARIO

### NOTICE OF INTENTION TO DESIGNATE

**TAKE NOTICE THAT** the Council of The Corporation of the Town of Kingsville intends to designate, under Part IV of the *Ontario Heritage Act*, the property known as Lakeside Park, legally described as Plan 313, Pt. Block G, in the Town of Kingsville, in the Province of Ontario.

#### Description of Property:

Lakeside Park, Kingsville, Ontario -- In existence since 1907, Lakeside Park is an 11.26 acre green space with 553 foot frontage on Lake Erie. It is bordered by Queen Street to the west, Herrington Street to the north and Division St. South on the east. It is comprised of passive parkland, playground space, gardens, a 1913 pavilion, a sandy beach, winding paths and footbridges over Mill Creek.

#### Statement of Cultural Heritage Value:

The cultural heritage value of Lakeside Park lies in it being a longstanding centrepiece of the community's social and economic fabric. As such, it holds great sentimental value to the community.

In response to urbanization and industrialization of daily life during the late 1800s and early 1900s, the urban park became the destination for people during their leisure hours. Following the Chicago World's Fair in 1893, the urban park became an essential part of the beautification of an entire community.

In 1907, following the trend that led to the development of New York City's Central Park, Kingsville's municipal council purchased from the Candler family of Detroit the land currently known as Lakeside Park. The addition of a park to the local landscape played a key role in the early economic development of the Town by drawing tourists to local hotels and businesses. The park, with its commanding view of Lake Erie, landscape of trees, paths, gardens and meandering Mill Creek, has through the years been the site of a vast array of community social and cultural events. In addition to being a popular spot for weddings and family reunions, it has been the site of the RCMP Musical Ride, Highland Games, concerts and the annual Fantasy of Lights display. Once popular for dances, rollerskating and swimming, the park continues to provide a wide variety of recreational and leisure activities, including canoeing, picnicking, tobogganning and bird watching.

To enhance the scenic beauty of the park, in 1925 Professor Tomlinson of the Ontario Agricultural College in Guelph was invited to prepare a design using the natural land features and unique habitat of the Carolinian forest.

Today, Lakeside Park, with its distinctive assemblage of natural, historic and cultural resources is a testament to the vision of the 1907 Kingsville Council and is worthy of preservation as a public space.

**Description of heritage attributes:**

Key attributes that embody the heritage value of Lakeside Park include:

- Fieldstone and clapboard pavilion designed by Messrs. Crane and Pennington of Windsor and built by James Countess in 1913. Originally an open-air structure, the pavilion was renovated in 1946 and rebuilt in 1977 for all-season use with a later addition of enclosed kitchen and bathroom facilities. The gabled hip roof is supported by fieldstone pillars and curved wooden brackets. It has nine-paned windows hinged at the top.
- The main gate at the north east entrance to the park (at the corner of Herrington Street and Division St. South) consists of two, 10-foot high piers that are 32 inches thick made of split fieldstone topped with cement capitals. The gate was designed by renowned local stonemason Walter Gardner.
- Three additional gates, one south-west of the main entrance, another along Division Street South near Park Street, another at the top of red-brick stairs at the southern part of the park, each comprised of two, 38-inch high by 24-inch thick heavily squared piers of fieldstone topped with cement capitals.
- Fieldstone and cement bridge adorned with four lamp-posts was constructed in the mid 1920s, replacing a wooden bridge over Mill Creek.
- The public park space and its natural landforms, plantings and pathways.
- The park's continued accessibility to the public.

Any person may, within thirty days of the publication of this notice, send by registered mail or deliver to the Clerk of the Town of Kingsville notice of his or her objection to the proposed designation together with a statement of the reasons for the objection and all relevant facts.

**DATED** at Kingsville, this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of October, 2007.

Linda Burling, Clerk  
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