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# THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LAKE OF BAYS

## BY-LAW NUMBER 10-113

BEING A BY-LAW TO DESIGNATE THE PROPERTY LOCATED ON CONCESSION 10, PART OF LOT 14, IN THE FORMER TOWNSHIP OF FRANKLIN, NOW IN THE TOWNSHIP OF LAKE OF BAYS; DISTRICT MUNICIPALITY OF MUSKOKA AND KNOWN MUNICIPALLY AS 1027 CHARLIE THOMPSON ROAD, AND BEING PROPERTY ROLL NO. 4427 010-009-00200-0000, UNDER PART IV OF THE ONTARIO HERITAGE ACT. (Heritage Designation)(Alien — Beacon Lodge)(1027 Charlie Thompson Road)

WHEREAS Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act, R.S.O. 1990, as amended, provides that by-laws may be passed by Council to designate a property within the municipality to be of cultural heritage value or interest;

AND WHEREAS the Allen Property – Beacon Lodge located Concession 10, Part of Lot 14, in the former Township of Franklin, now in the Township of Lake of Bays, District Municipality of Muskoka and known municipally as 1027 Charlie Thompson Road and being Property Roll No. 4427 010-009-00200-0000 has been identified by the Township of Lake of Bays Heritage Advisory Committee as being eligible for designation under Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act.

AND WHEREAS Notice of Intention to pass a Designation Bylaw was given in accordance with Section 29 of the Ontario Heritage Act in the manner as set out in Schedule "A" of this By-law;

AND WHEREAS the property owner supports the heritage designation process;

AND WHEREAS the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Lake of Bays deems it expedient to designate the Allen building as a property of cultural heritage value and interest under Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act;

THEREFORE the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Lake of Bays enacts as follows:

- THAT the Allen Property Beacon Lodge located on Concession 10, Part of Lot 14, in the former Township of Franklin, now in the Township of Lake of Bays; District Municipality of Muskoka is a property of significant cultural heritage value and interest.
- THAT the reasons for designation are hereby included within the Notice of Intention to pass a Designation Bylaw and are attached hereto in Schedule "B".
- 3. THAT the Clerk shall cause a copy of this By-law, together with its Schedules to be registered against the property in the Land Registrar's Office and shall serve a copy of the By-law together with its Schedules upon the property owner and the Ontario Heritage Trust
- 4. THAT the By-law shall take force and effect upon final passage hereof.

READ a FIRST AND SECOND time this 12th day of October, 2010.

Mayor

READ a THIRD time and finally passed this 12th day of October, 2010.

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Clerk

## THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LAKE OF BAYS

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## SCHEDULE "A"

# **AFFIDAVIT**

I, Michelle Percival, Clerk of the Corporation of the Township of Lake of Bays, hereby swear or affirm that Notice of Intention to pass a designation by-law for the Allen building located on Concession 10, Part of Lot 14, in the former Township of Franklin, now in the Township of Lake of Bays and known municipally as 1027 Charlie Thompson Road and being Property Roll No. 4427 010-009-00200-0000, under Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act was given in accordance with Subsection 29(3) of the Act, as follows:

- Notice of Intention was published in the September 1<sup>st</sup>, 2010 edition of the Huntsville Forester; and
- 2. Notice of Intention sent on August 25th, 2010 to:
  - a) Property Owner
  - b) Ontario Heritage Trust
- Notice of Intention was posted on the Township Municipal Web Site the 27<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2010.
- Notice of Intention, together with a copy of the proposed Designation By-law and Schedules was provided in the Council Agenda package for the October 12<sup>th</sup>, 2010 Council meeting.

SWORN OR AFFIRM before me At Dwight, Ontario in the Township of Lake of Bays, In the District of Muskoka This 12<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2010

Commissioner of Oaths

Clerk

## THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LAKE OF BAYS

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### SCHEDULE "B"

IN THE MATTER OF THE ONTARIO HERITAGE ACT, R.SO. 1990, CHAPTER 0.18, AS AMENDED, AND IN THE MATTER OF THE LANDS AND PREMISES AT THE FOLLOWING MUNICIPAL ADDRESS IN THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO

# NOTICE OF INTENTION TO DESIGNATE

**TAKE NOTICE** that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Lake of Bays intends to designate the following municipal address as being of cultural heritage value or interest under Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act, R.S.O. 1990, Chapter 0.18, as amended.

#### 1027 CHARLIE THOMPSON ROAD

# Description of Property

Beacon Lodge is located on Charlie Thompson Road in the village of Dwight on the charming Lake of Bays.

# Statement of Cultural Heritage Value or Interest

Beacon Lodge, a Stewart family cottage, was built in 1924 on the Stony Heights property. The cedar frame cottage embodies rich historical associative value as it was one of three cottages conceptualized by Ruth Quinby Stewart ("Mother Ruth") that increased accommodation for friends and family during the busy summer months. The vernacular building style of Beacon Lodge is representative of the typical housing development in Dwight during that era; however the cottage uniquely exhibits a high degree of craftsmanship displayed in the two original cobblestone chimneys and massive cobblestone fireplace.

The cottage is home to many cherished Stewart family items that create a distinguishing atmosphere that is representative of life for the early to most recent Stewart generations. Family pictures, artwork, furniture and antique pieces provide a glimpse into the many lives of the Stewart descendents who have enjoyed their summer stay in Beacon Lodge. Several authentic late Victorian furniture pieces originally belonged to Joseph William Alexander Stewart and are in fact older than the cottage itself.

The cottage is a landmark on Lake of Bays, as the 'beacon' of light it reflects on Lake of Bays is the source of its name – though that is debated. The opposing theory is that the name Beacon Lodge is derived from the first three letters of the names of Josephine Stewart Welch's daughters, Beatrice and Connie. The contextual value of Beacon Lodge is further demonstrated through the visual and historical link to the tennis court and adjacent Stewart cottage, Cobble Cottage, as well as the other Stewart family cottages located nearby on Dwight Beach Road.

## Description of Heritage Attributes

- Interior Features:
  - ✓ A Western Foundry Limited woodstove that was originally used in the cottage;
  - Hand-crafted cobblestone fireplace with rope mortar and stone shelving details on either side handcrafted by Tom Asbury;
  - Second story loft with open windows looking over the ground floor living room conducive to heating by woodstove;
  - ✓ Interior walls lined with original cedar wood paneling;
  - ✓ Vaulted ceilings with original tongue and groove wood planking and purlin roofing;
  - ✓ Original awning windows with wavy, Depression glass in tall, narrow panes;
  - Rustic carved pine wood dining table and dining chairs with matching hutch made by Hunt Country Furniture of Wingdale, New York purchased by Mary Stewart and Gordon Allen around 1950;
  - ✓ Antique ladies writing desk manufactured by A.M. Co., No 136 around 1920;
  - ✓ Four spindle backed dining chairs made by B & S Co., bearing the signature of J.W. A. Stewart on the label, dated around 1900 to 1910;
  - ✓ Commode chair manufactured by Dillingham Mfg. Co., Sheboygan, Wisconsin;

✓ Trestle side table dated around 1900 to 1910;

✓ Tilt-top three legged oval side table, dated pre-1900;

- Ceramic based table lamp with silk lampshade by L. Katon Beaux Arts, France, dated around 1920;
- ✓ Two kerosene portable heaters: Model 525. Perfection Products Co., Waynesboro, Georgia, 1912, and the "Valor" model 525-T (date unknown):
- ✓ A collection of old books including "The House of Seven Gables" by Nathaniel Hawthorne, Houghton Mifflin, 1893; "Thackeray's Works; The Virginians." American Publishers Co. 1859; Balzac's Complete Works 1-18 Volumes; "Vanity Fair," William Makepeace Thackery, Harper & Bros. 1899;

 Unique antique items such as irons, chamber pots, an old bell, cookware, china and family photographs;

✓ Double split doors leading into the dining room;

- ✓ Watercolour paintings of Muskoka dating from the early 1960's to mid-1970's by Gordon Allen, a Stewart family relative.
- Exterior Features:
  - ✓ Two storey cedar wood frame, gable roofed cottage with loft constructed by local builder Tom Asbury;
  - ✓ Cove drop novelty siding;
  - ✓ Balloon framing indicative of the cottage construction date;
  - ✓ Two original field stone chimneys with rope mortar and local cobblestone.

Objections to the proposed designation must be received by the Clerk of the Township of Lake of Bays by Registered Mail or hand-delivered together with a statement of the reasons for the objection and all relevant facts, not later than 4:00 p.m. on the 1<sup>st</sup> day of October, 2010. Objections will be referred to the Conservation Review Board for a hearing and report.

Michelle Percival, Clerk, 1012 Dwight Beach Road, Dwight, Ontario POA 1H0

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