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**In the Matter of the Ontario Heritage Act, R.S.O. 1990, c.0.18 and
In the Matter of the Lands and Premises at the following Locations
In the Province of Ontario**

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO DESIGNATE

TAKE NOTICE that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Muskoka Lakes intends to designate the property, including lands and buildings, at the following municipal address as a property of architectural and/or historical value or interest under Part IV of The Ontario Heritage Act, R.S.O. 1990, Chapter 0.18.

The former summer residence of the Standish Family; known later as Edenvale Inn and Green Slate Inn, 4 Armstrong Point Road in the Urban Centre of Port Carling, in the Township of Muskoka Lakes.

The property at 4 Armstrong Point Road has a two-storey, cove-sided building, gazebo, and 258 feet of frontage on the west shore of the Indian River. Constructed by the Standish family of Pennsylvania circa 1900, the original building was a summer home which later served as a retirement residence, tourism resort and restaurant. With its distinctive architectural details, it is a century-old landmark on this well travelled, water-based transportation corridor.

Statement of Cultural Heritage Value or Interest

The property at 4 Armstrong Point Road has cultural heritage value and interest for several reasons.

The property exhibits significant cultural heritage value for the main building and gazebo's design and physical value. These structures are representative of the construction methods, materials and style of cottages of well-to-do families who spent summers in the area from the late 1800s to the mid-1900s. The architectural features and interior woodwork of the main building also display a high degree of craftsmanship.

The property has historical and associative value because it has direct associations with the Standish family of Pennsylvania and it later served as a resort and tourism destination - a highly significant commercial activity in the history of Port Carling and surrounding area.

The property also has contextual value as it is important in defining the character of the area and is physically linked to its surroundings, nestled between a Precambrian rock face and the shoreline on a well travelled, water-based transportation corridor. Features incorporated into structures on the property take advantage of the breezes off the water, easy access to the water dating back to the pre-automobile era of navigation, and the pleasing vistas extending across Minnehaha Bay. The property is a century-old landmark on the community's waterfront "streetscape" that extends into the heart of the village of Port Carling.

Description of Heritage Attributes

Key attributes, that should be protected, and that reflect the building's design, historical, associative and contextual value are:

Exterior:

- Gabled roofline with exposed rafters on north and south sides
- Painted cove siding envelope
- Wooden slated circular vents in east and west gables
- Decorative "gingerbread" trim along fascia on east and west sides
- Red brick chimney
- Verandah on south side
- Curved arched openings on east face with decorative wood trim
- Three original wooden entrance doors with side lights, transom and decorative trim in original openings
- Second floor east facing Juliette balcony
- Original 14-paned casement windows in existing openings with original hardware
- Two pairs of casement windows in original openings on west wall main floor
- Covered walkway with gabled roof with exposed rafters
- Stone stairway south of lodge down to the water that leads to the boathouse
- Stone retaining wall at water's edge

- Octagonal gazebo with copula and cedar shake roof in existing location
- Unobstructed view from the water
- A flagpole
- Tall four-sided wooden structure capped with a vented copula and weathervane
- Light paint scheme with darker contrasting trim

Interior:

- Original decorative wooden ceiling, beams, corner moldings and trim in east facing room on ground floor
- Wooden lattice transom marking room division in east facing room on ground floor
- Wood tongue-and-groove paneling in main room
- Brick fireplace and wooden mantle with decorative brackets
- Two built-in wooden bookcases with glass doors in westerly main floor room

Any person may, within thirty days of the first publication of this notice, send by registered mail or deliver to the Clerk of the Township of Muskoka Lakes notice of his or her objection to the proposed designation together with a statement of the reasons for the objection and all relevant facts. If such a Notice of Objection is received, the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Muskoka Lakes shall refer the matter to the Conservation Review Board for a hearing.

Additional information relating to the proposed designation is available between 8:15 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. at the office of the Township of Muskoka Lakes, Port Carling, Ontario. 705-765-3156.

Dated at the Township of Muskoka Lakes, Port Carling this 26th day of June, 2012.