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OUR FILE 7-6-059-01, 7-6-081, 7-6-073-01, 7-6-083, 7-10-015, Bala Cenotaph

August 12th 2011

Registrar, Ontario Heritage Trust
Heritage Programs and Operation
10 Adelaide Street East
Toronto, Ontario
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Attention: Jim Leonard

Dear Mr. Leonard:

Re: Heritage Designations, Bala Township Dock on Lake Muskoka, The Shield Parking Lot, The Township Dock on the Moon River, Bala Cenotaph, Portage Landing on the Moon River, and Bala Museum, Roll #'s 7-6-059-01, 7-6-081, 7-6-073-01, 7-6-083, 7-10-015, Bala Cenotaph

Please find enclosed the Notice of Intention to Designate six properties within the Township of Muskoka Lakes, the Bala Township Dock on Lake Muskoka, The Shield Parking Lot, The Township Dock on the Moon River, Bala Cenotaph, Portage Landing on the Moon River, and Bala Museum, as required by the *Ontario Heritage Act*.

We have enclosed Designation Statements for each of the properties noted above, which include a Description of Heritage Attributes. The Council of the Township of Muskoka Lakes is intending to deliberate by-laws to designate these properties on September 19th 2011. If passed, copies of the by-laws, together with a description of the heritage attributes of each property, will be forwarded to the Trust.

If you have any comments or questions, please do not hesitate to contact this office.

Yours truly,

Stephen Fahner, B.A. (Hon.), A.M.C.T., C.M.M.III, M.C.I.P., R.P.P.
Director of Planning

DP

Encl.



**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 various properties, including lands and buildings, at the following locations as properties of architectural and/or historical value or interest under Part IV of The Ontario Heritage Act, R.S.O. 1990, Chapter 0.18.

The Bala Township Dock on Lake Muskoka, adjacent to the north falls and Mill Creek stream, in the Urban Centre of Bala, in the Township of Muskoka Lakes.

The Shield Parking Lot, adjacent to the south falls, District Road 169, in the Urban Centre of Bala, in the Township of Muskoka Lakes.

The Township Dock on the Moon River, adjacent to 1009 Portage Street, in the Urban Centre of Bala, in the Township of Muskoka Lakes.

The Bala Cenotaph on Bala Falls Road, in the Urban Centre of Bala, in the Township of Muskoka Lakes.

Portage Landing on the Moon River, bounded by the north and south falls and District Road 169, in the Urban Centre of Bala, in the Township of Muskoka Lakes.

Bala Museum located at 1024 Maple Avenue in the Urban Centre of Bala.

All of the above noted properties contribute to defining the character of the area and are historically linked to the surrounding area. The specific assets of the properties that should be protected are found in various Background Reports. The Statement of Cultural Heritage Value is as follows:

STATEMENT OF CULTURAL HERITAGE VALUE

Bala Township Dock (Lake Muskoka) is the original "Steamboat Wharf" that has existed in this location since 1870 and represents a key link to the primary mode of transportation in the late 1800's and early 1900's. Today it is used as access to downtown Bala.

The Shield Parking Lot is an excellent example of a rock outcrop of the Precambrian Shield. The rock is among the oldest of the earth's crust and occupies two thirds of the surface area of Ontario. It is where significant wealth in the Province is derived, forests on the surface and minerals beneath it.

The Township Docks (Moon River) is located at the site of the first dock on Moon River. It has existed for over 100 years and was important to early settlers for portaging around the falls. It provides an unobstructed view of the Moon River, Bala Falls, and Burgess Island.

The Bala Cenotaph was erected in 1965 to honour those soldiers who died during the First and Second World Wars. This property was selected for its view down the Moon River and sound from the falls.

Portage Landing on the Moon River is the traditional portage used by our First Nations and later by tourists, YMCA campers and cottagers. It defines and supports the character of Bala as a summer resort and the vista looking westward from the property is breathtaking.

Bala Museum was built in phases from 1909 to 1915. It served for many years as a tourist home and has been restored as a cultural heritage resource (museum). It is indicative of many homes constructed during that era: stone foundation, gabled roofline with dormers, covered verandah, and maple flooring.

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 designations 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 15th day of August, 2011.
