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## **NOTICE OF INTENTION TO DESIGNATE**

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TAKE NOTICE that the Council of The Corporation of the City of Owen Sound intends to designate the property, including lands and buildings, at the following municipal address as a property of cultural heritage value or interest under Part IV of the *Ontario Heritage Act*, R.S.O. 1990.

### ***Description of the Property – Queen’s Park, 815 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue West***

Queen’s Park is located on the east side of First Avenue West in the block between 8<sup>th</sup> Street West and 9<sup>th</sup> Street West, bordered on its east by the Sydenham River, in the City of Owen Sound.

### ***Statement of Cultural Heritage Value or Interest***

The main design or physical value of Queen’s Park lies with the Cenotaph. This symbolic sculpture is a modernist expression of the triumph of civilization over barbarism. It represents the universal qualities of the soldier – his solitary strength and his triumph over tyranny. This rare and unique sculpture incorporates flowing water trickling from the top face of the monument down to a large basin where it streams through decorative channels to a large pool at ground level. The sight and sound of moving water complements the symbolism of the bronze dove and olive branch at the top of the monument and the frog resting above the centre basin. It displays a high degree of craftsmanship and artistic merit.

Dedicated in 1920, two years after the end of the Great War, the Cenotaph has historical or associative value as the best example of designer Emanuel Hahn’s work; Hahn also worked with and was influenced by Walter Seymour Allward of Toronto, best known as the sculptor who created the Vimy Memorial in France. The Cenotaph is, possibly, the reason for the dedication of the Park two years later. Supported by the citizens of the Town of Owen Sound and the Townships of Derby, Keppel, Sarawak, and Sydenham, at a cost of \$5,000, it was part of a national movement of cenotaph projects in most communities across Canada.

Queen’s Park has contextual value because of its importance in defining the area, and is physically, functionally, visually and historically linked to its surroundings as an Owen Sound landmark, part of the civic complex which also includes the Owen Sound & North Grey Union Public Library, Tom Thomson Art Gallery, and Jervis Bay Park.

### ***Description of Heritage Attributes***

Key heritage attributes that embody the design or physical value of Queen’s Park include its:

- Cenotaph, including:
  - water trickling from the top face of the monument down to a large basin where it streams through decorative channels to a large pool at ground level
  - bronze dove and olive branch at the top of the monument and the frog resting above the centre basin

Key attributes that express the contextual value of Queen's Park include its:

- relationship to the civic complex at 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue West

Further information respecting the proposed designation is available from the Community Services Department, Planning Division.

Notice of objection to the proposed designation, together with a statement of the reasons for the objection and all relevant facts, may be filed with the Clerk of the City of Owen Sound before August 30, 2010.

Dated at the City of Owen Sound this the 30<sup>th</sup> day of July 2010.

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