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The Corporation of the Town of Parry Sound
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June 8th, 1982

Ontario Heritage Foundation 77 Grenville Street Queen's Park Toronto, Ontario M7A 1E8

Dear Sir,

Re: Parry Sound Fire Hall, 25 Mary Street, Parry Sound, Ontario.

Further to our Notice of Intention to Designate the above-noted property, forwarded to your attention in March, we are now enclosing herewith for your files a certified copy of By-law No. 82-2936, passed by Council at their regular meeting, Tuesday, May 18th, 1982.

We trust you will find this to your satisfaction and thank you.

Yours truly,

W. Ed Ewing

TOWN OF PARRY SOUND

W. Ed. Ewing

Clerk

Enclosure

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IN THE MATTER OF THE ONTARIO HERITAGE ACT, R.S.O. 1980, Chapter 337

AND IN THE MATTER OF THE LANDS AND PREMISES AT THE FOLLOWING MUNICIPAL ADDRESS IN THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO DESIGNATE

To: Ontario Heritage Foundation 77 Bloor Street West Toronto, Ontario M7A 2R9

TAKE NOTICE that the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Parry Sound intends to designate the property, including lands and buildings, at the following municipal address as a property of architectural and historical value under Part IV of The Ontario Heritage Act, R.S.O. 1980, Chapter 337.

Parry Sound Firehall 25 Mary Street Parry Sound, Ontario

Notice of objection to the proposed designation, together with a statement of the reasons for the objection and all relevant facts may be served on the Clerk of the Town of Parry Sound before the 14th day of May, 1982.

Dated at Parry Sound this 14th day of April, 1982.

W. Ed Ewing, Clerk

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REASONS FOR DESIGNATION

PARRY SOUND FIREHALL

The Parry Sound Firehall is recommended for Designation for Historic and Architectural reasons. Established in 1880, Parry Sound's Volunteer Fire Brigade gained a permanent home with the erection of the existing structure in 1893, at a cost of \$1,158.00.

Built by S. White & Son Contractors, the building still serves as the home of the Fire Department. The building is a familiar landmark to residents and visitors and occupies a visually prominent position adjacent to the Town park and in close proximity to the Post Office, Court House, Baptist Church and other architecturally interesting buildings in a centrally located part of the downtown area.

The building is constructed of a timber frame and originally had a clapboard siding. A brick veneer was added in 1950 with considerable attention given to detailing and a choice of brick consistent with other public buildings in the town. The tower still retains its cedar shingle roof and a portion of the original belfrey. The old bell is now mounted on a base in the adjacent park.

The building is a two storey, four bay, rectangular block with hipped roof; the adjoining hose tower is a square three storey structure with a mansard roof and wooden railing (re: above). The street facade presents three overhead type doors for vehicles and one single entry door with four equally spaced windows above.

The building is structurally sound, the exterior is in a good state of repair. Though some attention would be required to bring the building into an excellent state of preservation, it is a tribute to both the town and the Fire Brigade that the building has been consistently well maintained these many years.