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August 9, 2011

VIA COURIER

Ontario Heritage Trust
10 Adelaide street East
Toronto, ON M5C 1J3

Dear Sir or Madame:

**Subject: Notice of Intention to Designate
Oakville Basket Company Steam Engine
Old Mill Parkette, Oakville, Ontario
Part Lot 14, Con 3, SDS, Parts 1 and 3, 20R13457; Oakville, T/W 806347**

Attached please find the Notice of Intention to designate the above-mentioned property which is served upon you in accordance with section 29(3) of the *Ontario Heritage Act*, R.S.O. 1990, c.18, (the "*Act*").

Pursuant to section 29(4.1) of the *Act* any person who objects to the proposed designation must file a notice of objection to the designation with the Town Clerk at 1225 Trafalgar Road, Oakville, Ontario L6H 0H3, no later than **September 9, 2011**.

Sincerely,


Franca Piazza
Legislative Coordinator

Encls.

c.c. C. Best, Town Clerk
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NOTICE OF INTENTION TO DESIGNATE

Oakville Basket Company Steam Engine Old Mill Parkette, Oakville, Ontario

TAKE NOTICE that Oakville Town Council, on Monday, August 8, 2011 resolved to pass a Notice of Intention to Designate for the Oakville Basket Company Steam Engine on Part Lot 14, Con 3, SDS, Parts 1 and 3, 20R13457; OAKVILLE, T/W 806347; Oakville, municipally known as the Old Mill Parkette, under Section 29 of the *Ontario Heritage Act*, R.S.O. 1990, c. 18, as a property of cultural heritage value and interest.

Description of Property

The Oakville Basket Company Steam Engine is located in a parkette along the Oakville Heritage Trails System on Cornwall Road at the intersection of Old Mill Road. It is set onto 3 custom made reinforced concrete pedestals. The parkette itself has been designed in the shape of a wheel to compliment the heritage character of the Steam Engine.

Statement of Cultural Heritage Value or Interest

The Oakville Basket Company Steam Engine has physical value as a steam engine remnant and industrial artifact that represents a period of industrial and agricultural productivity in Oakville. The Steam Engine structure consists of remnant pieces from the steam engine that powered the machinery at the Oakville Basket Company factory, and is an example of the "Wheelock" stationary steam engine, named for the inventor of the Wheelock valve that made steam engines more efficient.

The Oakville Basket Company Steam Engine has strong historical value through its association with the Oakville Basket Company and its connections to the agricultural productivity of early Oakville. The Steam Engine was manufactured by the Galt firm Goldie & McCulloch Co. Ltd., a company that produced steam engines for factories across Ontario.

The Oakville Basket Company was one of the most important early industries of Oakville. The company was formed as a response to the need for local fruit and vegetable baskets for transportation of Oakville strawberries, stone fruits and other produce at a time when Oakville was the largest producer of strawberries in the Dominion.

While the Oakville Basket Company Steam Engine has been removed from its original context and use, the Steam Engine in its current incarnation as a landmark monument serves as a reminder to the community of an industry which helped to form the town of Oakville. The contextual value of the Steam Engine has been altered as it has been removed from its original surroundings and use inside a factory. However, the placement of the subject artifact in its current parkette located close to the factory (which no longer exists) serves as a physical reminder of Oakville's industrial heritage.

OBJECTIONS: Any objection to this designation must be filed no later than September 9, 2011. Objections should be directed to Cathie Best, Town Clerk, 1225 Trafalgar Road, P.O. Box 310, Oakville, Ontario L6J 5A6.

MORE INFORMATION: Any inquiries may be directed to Susan Schappert, heritage planner at 905-845-6601, extension 3870 or by email at sschappert@oakville.ca.

Last Date to file Notice of Objection: September 9, 2011

Cathie Best, Town Clerk