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IN THE MATTER OF THE ONTARIO HERITAGE ACT
R.S.O. 1980, CHAPTER 337
and
BEING LOT 2, CONCESSION 4,
FORMER TOWNSHIP OF WOODHOUSE
IN THE TOWN OF SIMCOE, IN THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO DESIGNATE

TAKE NOTICE that the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Simcoe intends to designate the property, including lands and buildings, being Lot 2, Concession 4, in the former Township of Woodhouse, in the Town of Simcoe, as a property of architectural value under Part IV of The Ontario Heritage Act, R.S.O. 1980, Chapter 337.

REASONS FOR THE PROPOSED DESIGNATION - SMITH/ANEMA MILL

The Smith/Anema Mill is one of many mills that were once on the Lynn River, this is the only one remaining. It was in continuous use as a grist mill from c. 1851 till 1949 and thus played an integral role in the farm life of the community for a lengthy period of time.

Its construction is unique in this area, the walls being erected with 2" x 4" boards piled flatwise, one on atop the other, likewise the grain bins within. The huge posts and beams of the inner structure reveal the means by which such a large mill of c.1851 could be built soundly. All the wood in the mill would have been fabricated in the sawmill that was part of the property when the grist mill was built.

The building features elements of architectural significance specifically:

EXTERIOR

The four elevations of the main building including all original window openings and doorways; also, the main door on the south facade and the remaining window on the north facade; the roofline; the machinery to the north that ran the mill

INTERIOR

The large flour bins that cover the south end of the second and third floors of the building and the smaller bins in the two north corners on the same floors; the structural posts with chambered corners on the ground, second and third floors.)

For these reasons this building warrants designation as a property of architectural and historical importance in the Town of Simcoe and protection under the Ontario Heritage Act, R.S.O. 1980, Chapter 337.

Any person may, before the 30th day of July, 1985, send by registered mail or deliver to the Clerk of the Town of Simcoe notice of his or her objection to the proposed designation, together with a statement of the reasons for the objection and all relevant facts. When a Notice of Objection has been received, the Council of the Town of Simcoe will refer the matter to the Conservation Review Board for a hearing and report.

DATED AT SIMCOE, Ontario
this 15th day of July, 1985

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