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THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF



Canadian Gateway to the 1000 Islands

**NOTICE OF INTENTION TO DESIGNATE UNDER THE ONTARIO HERITAGE ACT
IN THE MATTER OF THE ONTARIO HERITAGE ACT AND IN THE MATTER OF the lands in**

FERNCLIFF PROPERTY, 401 KING STREET WEST, GANANOQUE, ONTARIO

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Town of Gananoque intends to designate the Ferncliff Property, under Section 29(1), Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act, R.S.O. 1990, Chapter 0.8.

Description of the Property:

The Ferncliff Property, 401 King Street West is proposed for designation under the Ontario Heritage Act for historical, structural and contextual criteria.

Statement of Cultural Heritage Value or Interest:

The property is valued for mid-19th century recreational building design in the Thousand Island region, and is a unique example of a vernacular interpretation of chalet designs found in alpine Europe and is a rare surviving example of an early 19th century rural property.

The property is valued for its direct associations with Agnes Maule Machar, a Person of National Historic Significance and with important contemporary persons of her circle. As a place that inspired Machar's poetry and other writings, the property provides an understanding of her work as well as of the cultural life of Canada during that time. The property may also have the potential to yield an understanding of pre-contact indigenous culture.

The property has contextual value as a local landmark and has contributed to the character of Gananoque since the 1850s. Although located within the town limits, its primary visual links are to the Thousand Islands.

The heritage attributes are derived from these identified values. Heritage attributes of Ferncliff are:

- the extant built heritage resource (cottage) on its original hilltop site;
 - original board and batten exterior cladding
 - original fenestration pattern of French windows with shutters
 - original wooden windows
 - original rubble stone foundation
 - surviving original interior components (ground floor wooden wall panelling, shallow-arched ceiling divider, masonry fireplace and surround, wooden flooring, room and hallway configuration; second floor stairway, room and hallway configuration, wooden wall panelling)
- the modifications to the landscape made as part of site development (entrance drive, clearing around the cottage to reveal views of the river and surrounding forest, dry stone walls, stairs cut into the cliff face);
- surviving mature forest ecosystem and topographic/geological features; and areas of archaeological potential.

Information:

Further information respecting the proposed designation is available for viewing at the Town Hall, 30 King Street East during regular business hours. Any person may by **September 25, 2017 at 12:00pm**, (within 30 days after the date of the publication of this notice) serve written notice of objection to the proposed designation submitted to the Clerks Department, together with a statement for the objection and all relevant facts.

Dated at the Town of Gananoque this 24 day of August 2017

Kelly Shipclark, Town Clerk, 30 King Street East, Gananoque, ON K7G 2T6