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The Corporation of the
TOWNSHIP OF THE ARCHIPELAGO

BY-LAW NO. 01-03

To Designate Part of the Property and Premises on Part of
Ojibway Island on the Georgian Bay in the Township of
The Archipelago As Being of Historical and Architectural Value

WHEREAS Section 29 of the Ontario Heritage Act, R.S.O. 1990, c. 0.18, authorizes the Council of a municipality to enact by-laws to designate real property including all buildings and structures thereon, to be of architectural or historical value or interest;

AND WHEREAS the Council of the Corporation of the Township of The Archipelago resolved at its Regular Meeting of Council held on August 18th and August 19th, 2000, to publish a Notice of Intention to designate part of the aforesaid real property and premises more particularly hereinafter described (the "Property");

AND WHEREAS the Council of the Corporation of the Township of The Archipelago has caused to be served on the owner of the Property and upon the Ontario Heritage Foundation, a Notice of Intention to Designate as being of historical and architectural value that part of the property and has caused such Notice of Intention to be published in a newspaper having general circulation in the municipality;

AND WHEREAS no Notice of Objection to the proposed designation has been served upon the Clerk of the municipality;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of The Archipelago enacts as follows:

- [1] There is designated as being of historical and architectural value that part of the property known as part of Ojibway Island on the Georgian Bay in the Township of The Archipelago in the District of Parry Sound.
- [2] The Ojibway Hotel and its related buildings are a significant piece of architecture which are designated for historical, architectural and contextual reasons. Situated on a 45-acre island about 7 miles from Pointe au Baril in Georgian Bay, the Ojibway Hotel is an example of late nineteenth century, shingle-style, resort architecture with rustic detailing. Its construction coincided with and promoted the rise of Pointe au Baril's popularity as a cottage community with both Americans and Canadians and continues to form the social heart of that community. Built at the time of a hotel boom in the Muskoka and Parry Sound regions, the buildings find their design roots in the Adirondack great camps, a style rarely followed in Ontario.

The buildings of Ojibway Island are of simple construction and arranged in an irregular layout, but share common unifying forms and materials such as cedar shingle cladding and 2-over-2 sash windows, though many of such elements have been relocated and changed over the course of the building's history. Though over 100 wooden hotels existed in Muskoka and on Georgian Bay near the turn of the twentieth century, very few remain.

The Ojibway was built over many years starting in 1906 and represents the designs of several individuals. May Bragdon is credited with the design of the main building, with the assistance of her prominent architect brother Claude Bragdon, both of Rochester, New York. Owner Hamilton C. Davis, also of Rochester, and various local craftsmen and builders also took part of the design process. One builder named George Izzard is said to have designed and built most of the rustic work in the region of Pointe au Baril including that of the Ojibway, though little is known about him.

Reasons for Designation of Exterior, Main Building

The Hotel building's north, south, east and west elevations in their current state result from multiple additions and alterations - compositions of vernacular elements within the general vocabulary of the Shingle Style. These cedar-clad elevations are included in the reasons for designation. Though the south elevation is included, there is less concern with alterations to this façade. The concrete block kitchen addition to the south is not included in the reasons for designation.

The designation includes the following: the octagonal tower on the north-west corner (the observation deck once had rustic railings and columns of bark covered logs and branches); the north-facing dormers and the high roof and deep eaves which project between the dormers; the encircling open, screened and enclosed verandah, including the log columns, some with bark remaining intact (which were once in combination with rustic log railings and vertical spindles); the exterior doors and window fenestration; the 'cobblestone' foundations and verandah fireplace; the tall brick chimneys (which have lots their corbelled tops); and the flagstone staircase with flanking 'cobblestone' walls.

The coniferous and deciduous trees located in front of the building, as well as the apple tree immediately south east of the building, enhance the reasons for designation.

Interior of Main Building

Interior features included in the reasons for designation are: the primary and secondary staircases with rustic birch branch railings; the granite and cobblestone fireplace on the ground floor and brick fireplace in a second floor suite; and the rustic cedar log columns with bark intact in main lounge, café and dining room.

Various rustic pieces of twig furniture remain including three branch chairs and one corner desk, one double desk, one single desk and two card tables, all of barked log and planks. These compliment the reasons for designation, as do the rustic birch branch light fixtures on the ground floor (which are later additions).

Other Buildings on the Property

Contributing to the reasons for designation, the following features in the other buildings are of interest as heritage elements: the Shingle Style exterior, rustic log columns and railing and brick fireplace of Birchwood Cottage; the Shingle Style exteriors and stone fireplaces of Elmwood Cottage, Basswood Cottage, Maplewood Cottage and Oakwood Cottage (these also once had rustic log columns and railings on verandahs which have since been removed, enclosed or altered); the Shingle Style exteriors of the Doctor's Office, Movie Hut, Bathing Pavilion, Grocery Store and Gift Shop; the cobblestone incinerator; the ruins of Pinewood Cottage; the scenic walks around the property (which once included three rustic log and branch pavilions, and one rustic log and branch bridge); and the 'log siding' exterior and stone fireplace of the Craft Hut.

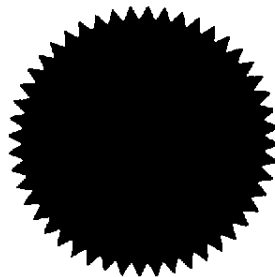
3. The Township solicitor is hereby authorized to cause a copy of this By-law to be registered against the whole of the property described in Schedule "A" hereto (of which the said designated area forms a part) in the proper Land Registry Office.
4. The Clerk is hereby authorized to cause a copy of this By-law to be served on the owner of the property and on the Ontario Heritage Foundation and to cause Notice of the Passing of this By-law to be published in the same newspaper having general circulation in the municipality.

READ and FINALLY PASSED in OPEN COUNCIL this 16th day of February, 2001.

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF THE ARCHIPELAGO


REEVE


CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER/CLERK



Schedule "A"
to

By-Law No. 01- 03

Property Description

Situated in the geographic Township of Shawanaga, now in the Township of The Archipelago, in the District of Parry Sound, Island A364, Part of Parcel 737 N/S, Ojibway Island



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THE OJIBWAY HOTEL

09-03-2001

IN THE MATTER OF THE ONTARIO HERITAGE ACT, R.S.O. 1990, c.0.18,

AND IN THE MATTER OF THE LANDS AND PREMISES AT THE FOLLOWING MUNICIPAL PROPERTY DESCRIPTION IN THE TOWNSHIP OF THE ARCHIPELAGO IN THE DISTRICT OF PARRY SOUND IN THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO

NOTICE OF PASSING OF BY-LAW

To Designate The Ojibway Hotel
to be of Historical and Architectural Value

TAKE NOTICE that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of The Archipelago has passed By-law Number 01-03 to designate part of the following property as being of architectural and/or historical value or interest under The Ontario Heritage Act, R.S.O. 1990, c. 0.18

(a) Property Description:

Part of Island A364 being part Parcel 737 N/S Ojibway Island 35 acres located in the geographic Township of Shawanaga now in the Township of The Archipelago in the District of Parry Sound, including the Ojibway Hotel and its related buildings,

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(b) Reason for Designation

The Ojibway Hotel is an example of late nineteenth century, shingle-style, resort architecture with rustic detailing. Its construction coincides with and promoted the rise of Pointe au Baril's popularity as a cottage community with both Americans and Canadians. Built at the time of a hotel boom in the Muskoka and Parry Sound districts, the buildings find their design roots in the Adirondack great camps, a style rarely followed in Ontario. The buildings of Ojibway Island share common unifying forms and materials such as cedar shingle cladding and 2-over-2 sash windows. Though over 100 wooden hotels existed in Muskoka and on Georgian Bay near the turn of the 20th Century, very few remain.

DATED at PARRY SOUND this 7th day of March, 2001

Stephen P. Kaegi, AMCT
Chief Administrative Officer/Clerk

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