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February 8, 2018

Ontario Heritage Trust
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**RE: The George Currie Grain Elevator, 139 Queen Street, Port Perry
Notice of Intention to Designate as a Property of Cultural Heritage Value or
Interest Under Part IV of the *Ontario Heritage Act***

Dear Sir/Madam,

Please be advised that at the Council meeting of the Township of Scugog held January 29, 2018, Council indicated its intent to designate The George Currie Grain Elevator, 139 Queen Street, Port Perry, Ontario, as a property of cultural heritage value or interest under Part IV of the *Ontario Heritage Act* (the Act). This notice is being served in accordance with Section 29 of the Act.

Enclosed please find:

- A statement explaining the cultural heritage value or interest of The George Currie Grain Elevator, 139 Queen Street, Port Perry
- A description of the property's heritage attributes (also available through the Township's website or by contacting the Clerk's Department)
- An excerpt from the January 29, 2018 minutes of the Council of the Township of Scugog which includes Council's motion to proceed with the designation
- Notice of Intention to Designate (posted on the Township's website and published in local newspapers)

As per the Act, notice of objection to the designation can be received by the undersigned until March 12, 2018. Upon receipt of an objection, the matter shall be referred to the Conservation Review Board for a hearing and report. If no objection is received within the designated period, Council may consider and pass a By-law designating The George Currie Grain Elevator under Part IV of the Act.

Should you require anything further regarding the above, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'John Paul Newman', is written over the signature line.

John Paul Newman
Director of Community Services/Clerk

Encl.

Description of Property- The George Currie Grain Elevator, 139 Queen Street, Port Perry Ontario

The George Currie Grain Elevator is a local landmark situated at the terminus of Queen Street on the shore of Lake Scugog.

Statement of Cultural Heritage Value or Interest.

The George Currie Grain Elevator's cultural heritage value derives from it being the oldest remaining wooden grain elevator in Canada, and its role as a local landmark which helps interpret both the agricultural and industrial foundations which helped develop Scugog Township and Port Perry.

Construction of the Grain Elevator commenced in 1874 for local grain, clothing, hardware, and grocery merchant George Currie. George Currie was elected as the Reeve of Reach Township in 1857 and served as the Township Treasurer before moving his successful business enterprises from Prince Albert to Port Perry in 1872, following the arrival of the Port Perry-Whitby Railway in 1871. The original elevator was expanded several times over the years and operated as a grain elevator for over 100 years until its closing in 1979.

Located beside the railway tracks and the shores of Lake Scugog, the Grain elevator enabled local farmers to prosper by allowing them to conveniently sell, store and transport their grains to distant markets. Solidly built from local timbers and lumber, the bold undecorated built form of the Port Perry Grain Elevator, and other early industrial buildings like it, would inspire a future generation of modern architects and the 20th century mantra of "form follows function". Miraculously spared from numerous fires, including the two great fires which destroyed the commercial core of Port Perry in 1883 and 1884, the Grain Elevator and Townhall 1873, are two of three surviving pre-fire downtown buildings and serve as imposing architectural sentinels marking the east-west boundaries of "Downtown."

Description of Heritage Attributes

Key exterior and interior attributes that embody the heritage value of the George Currie Grain Elevator include its:

- 24" thick solid stone foundation;
- Simple rectangular form with gabled roof and cupola;
- Later architectural expansions with the exception of the one storey portion along Water Street;
- Wooden board and batten, and metal exterior cladding;
- Original window and door openings and the louvred vents of the cupola;
- Galvanized sheet metal roofing;
- Interior solid wood plank on plank grain bins;
- Interior wooden timber structural frame and graffiti of early workers; and
- Interior early mechanical workings associated with the grinding, cleaning handling, moving, storing and weighing of grain

**The George Currie Grain Elevator, 139 Queen Street, Port Perry, ON
Notice of Intention to Designate as a Property of Cultural Heritage
Value or Interest Under Part IV of the *Ontario Heritage Act***

The Council of the Township of Scugog has indicated its intent to designate The George Currie Grain Elevator, 139 Queen Street, Port Perry, Ontario, as a property of cultural heritage value or interest under Part IV of the *Ontario Heritage Act* (the Act).

A statement outlining the cultural heritage value or interest of The George Currie Grain Elevator, 139 Queen Street, Port Perry, is available through the Township's website or by contacting the Clerk's Department.

As per the Act, notice of objection to the designation can be received by the undersigned until March 12, 2018. Upon receipt of an objection, the matter shall be referred to the Conservation Review Board for a hearing and report. If no objection is received within the designated period, Council may consider and pass a By-Law designating The George Currie Grain Elevator under Part IV of the Act.

This notice is being served in accordance with Section 20 of the Act.

- John Paul Newman, Director of Corporate Services/ Clerk

- *Township Bulletin Board, Newspaper of February 8, 2018*