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**A BY-LAW TO DESIGNATE THE PROPERTY KNOWN MUNICIPALLY AS THE RIDEAU DISTRICT MUSEUM AS BEING OF ARCHITECTURAL AND HISTORICAL VALUE OR INTEREST**

WHEREAS section 29 of the Ontario Heritage Act, 1990, 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 historic value or interest; and

WHEREAS the Council of the Corporation of the Village of Westport has caused to be served on the owners of the lands and premises known as the Rideau District Museum, 29 Bedford Street and upon the Ontario Heritage Trust, notice of intention to so designate the aforesaid real property and has caused such notice of intention to be published in the same newspaper having general circulation in the municipality for one week; and

WHEREAS no notice of objection to the proposed designation has been served on the clerk of the municipality;

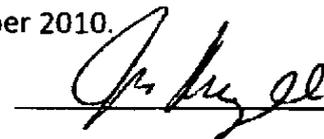
THEREFORE the Council of the Corporation of the Village of Westport enacts as follows:

- 1) There is designated as being of architectural and historical value or interest the real property known as the Rideau District Museum at Bedford Street, more particularly described in schedule B hereto, as Rideau District Museum, Lot One (1), South Side of Bedford Street, Range Five (5)
- 2) The municipal solicitor is hereby authorized to cause a copy of this by-law to be registered against the property described in Schedule B hereto in the proper land registry office.
- 3) The Clerk is hereby authorized to cause a copy of this by-law to be served on the owner of the aforesaid property and on the Ontario Heritage Trust and to cause notice of the passing of this by-law to be published in the same newspaper having general circulation in the municipality for one week.

Read a first, second and third time, this 8<sup>th</sup> day of November 2010.



Mayor



Clerk

#### **DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY:**

The Rideau District Museum is a two storey museum, having opened its doors in 1961. This wooden barn like structure contains artifacts from all over the world, and is recognized as the only museum of its kind in the area.

#### **STATEMENT OF CULTURAL HERITAGE VALUE OR INTEREST:**

One of the oldest buildings in Westport, the Museum, built in 1859, originally housed a furniture, coffin and boat manufacturer, operated by Conley and Truelove. Later, a blacksmith operated from the site, for nearly a hundred years. The original forges and bellows are still present. The wooden floorboards and beam support still stand from the date it was built.

The building itself is rich in family history as well. A number of prominent Westport family descendants once owned or operated out of the building. George Murphy, Jim McCann, Joseph Shillington and Ernie Menzies are just four of the former blacksmiths, all of which have descendants in the village. Artifacts within include Sally Grant, a wooden carved statue of justice that once stood atop the Brockville courthouse, a dump cart believed to be used in the construction of the Rideau Canal, and hearse windows from the hearse that Sir. John A. MacDonald's body was in. It is approaching its fiftieth year of operation, having been converted into a museum in 1961.

#### **DESCRIPTION OF HERITAGE ATTRIBUTES**

Being rich in family history, the upper floor of the Rideau District Museum is devoted to living. When the blacksmith shop was operational, the blacksmith and his family lived upstairs. Two rooms demonstrate what living would have been like. Despite the fact that horses and carriages went through this building across the floors, the original hardwood floors are still in place. Its original structure has seen very little damage or repairs over the years, and has maintained its stature.

IN THE MATTER OF THE ONTARIO HERITAGE ACT, 1990 S.O. CHAPTER 337

AND IN THE MATTER OF THE LANDS AND PREMISES AT THE FOLLOWING MUNICIPAL ADDRESS IN THE VILLAGE OF WESTPORT IN THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO

NOTICE OF PASSING OF BY-LAW

TAKE NOTICE that the Council of the Corporation of the Village of Westport has passed by-law number ~~10-09~~<sup>12-02</sup> to designate the following property as being of architectural and/or historical value or interest under part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act, 1990, S.O., Chapter 337.

(a) Address of Property – Lot One (1) South Side of Bedford Street, Range Five (5)

(b) Reason for Proposed Designation –

The Rideau District Museum was constructed in 1859 for use as a manufacturer's factory, of which produced furniture, coffins and boats. In 1861, forges and bellows were installed to convert the building into a blacksmith shop. This shop was operated by ancestors of prominent families in the village of Westport. Upon its conversion into the Rideau District Museum in 1961, the forges and bellows remained, as well as the sign from the factory and a coffin produced within, signifying the need to preserve the history of the village.

DATED at the Village of Westport this 8th day of November, 2010.