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Office of the Clerk

July 31, 2002
File No. 310701

REGISTERED MAIL

Ontario Heritage Foundation
10 Adelaide Street East
Toronto, ON M5C 1J3

Dear Sir/Madame:

**Re: Designation of 2920 Ridge Road, Fort Erie
Ontario Heritage Act**

Please be advised the Municipal Council of the Town of Fort Erie at its Regular meeting held July 22, 2002, approved By-law No. 120-2002, being a by-law to designate 2920 Ridge Road under the Ontario Heritage Act.

Pursuant to Section 29(6)(a) of the *Ontario Heritage Act*, you are hereby served with a certified copy of By-law No. 120-2002.

Yours very truly,

Susan M. Daniels, A.M.C.T.
Deputy Clerk

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Encl.

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**The Municipal Corporation of the
Town of Fort Erie**

BY-LAW NO. 120-2002

**BEING A BY-LAW TO DESIGNATE LANDS AT 2029 RIDGE ROAD
AS BEING OF ARCHITECTURAL AND HISTORICAL VALUE OR
INTEREST (3107)**

WHEREAS Section 29 of the *Ontario Heritage Act*, R.S.O. 1990, Chapter 0.18, as amended, authorizes the council of a municipality to pass a by-law to designate a property within the municipality to be of historic or architectural value or interest, and

WHEREAS notice of intention to designate as required under Section 29(1) of the aforesaid Act was served on the owner of the property described as Part Lot 8, Concession 8, Niagara River in the former Township of Bertie, now in the Town of Fort Erie, located on the west side of Ridge Road, south of Bowen Road, municipally known as 2029 Ridge Road and upon the Ontario Heritage Foundation, and

WHEREAS notice of intention to so designate the aforesaid property was published in *The Times*, a newspaper having general circulation in the Town of Fort Erie, on June 22, 29 and July 6, 2002, and

WHEREAS the reasons for the designation are set out in Schedule "A" annexed hereto and forming part of this by-law, and

WHEREAS no notice of objection to the proposed designation has been served on the Clerk of the Municipality;

NOW THEREFORE, the Municipal Council of The Corporation of the Town of Fort Erie hereby enacts as follows:

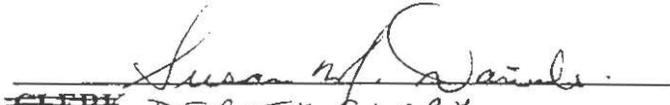
1. **THAT** the log cabin on property described as Part Lot 8, Concession 8, Niagara River, in the former Township of Bertie, now in the Town of Fort Erie, located on the west side of Ridge Road and municipally known as 2029 Ridge Road be and it is hereby designated as being of architectural and historical value or interest under the *Ontario Heritage Act*.
2. **THAT** the farm house on property described as Part Lot 8, Concession 8, Niagara River, in the former Township of Bertie, now in the Town of Fort Erie, located on the west side of Ridge Road and municipally known as 2029 Ridge Road be and it is hereby designated as being of historical value or interest under the *Ontario Heritage Act*.
3. **THAT** the Clerk is hereby directed to cause a copy of this by-law to be registered against the aforesaid property as described in Sections (1) and (2) above in the local Land Registry Office.

4. THAT the Clerk is hereby directed to cause a copy of this by-law to be served on the owner of the aforesaid property and on the Ontario Heritage Foundation and to cause notice of the passing of this by-law to be published in The Times, a newspaper having general circulation in the municipality, once a week for three consecutive weeks.
5. THAT the Clerk is hereby directed to include the designation of the aforesaid property in the Register which is kept by the Clerk of the Town of Fort Erie pursuant to Section 27 of the *Ontario Heritage Act*, R.S.O. 1990, Chapter 0.18, as amended.

READ A FIRST, SECOND AND THIRD TIME AND FINALLY PASSED THIS 22nd DAY OF JULY, 2002.



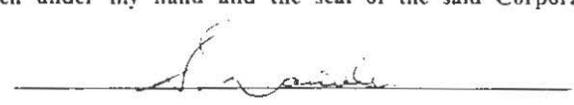
MAYOR



~~CLERK~~ DEPUTY CLERK

DEPUTY Susan M. Daniels

I, the Clerk, ~~Carolyn J. Kett~~, of The Corporation of the Town of Fort Erie hereby certify the foregoing to be a true certified copy of By-law No. 120-2002 of the said Town. Given under my hand and the seal of the said Corporation this 31st day of July, 2002.



SCHEDULE "A"
TO
BY-LAW NO. 120-2002

REASONS FOR DESIGNATION

This farm was originally a land grant to Frederick Anger in 1801. The farm was subsequently sold to the Foremans in 1820. The Millers bought the property in 1858 and it has been in the Miller family ever since. This is one of a very few farms in Bertie Township that has been owned by the same family for over a century.

There are two buildings on the property that are over a century old. The original log cabin was built around 1803 to meet one of the conditions required to obtain a Government Land Grant. This building was constructed of solid hand hewn logs held together by half tapered corners. The intent is to designate the log cabin as being of architectural and historical value or interest under the Act.

The second building, which is the current farm house, is of wood frame construction and was covered in lap siding until recently when it was recovered with vinyl. The house was built in 1848. Some of the old eight pane double hung windows still exist. The interior has been modernized over the years. At one time, according to the present owner, the front entrance was a milk, cream and butter processing area. The intent is to designate the farm house as being of historical value or interest under the Act.

In 1951, while renovations were being made, two pieces of board wood with inscriptions were discovered inside the walls. This is an indication there was a fire between the basement and first floor in front of the fireplace and as a result renovations were made.

One of the inscriptions on the boards reads:

Bertie Ontario, April 5, 1886. This home was repaired by Mr. Jacob Raeim workman Ridgeway, Ontario. Mr. Wm. Clark of Stevensville, Ontario. It was signed by Abel Miller and John F. Miller.

The inscription on the second board reads:

Bertie Ontario, April 5, 1886. The occupants of this house are Mr. and Mrs. J. Miller, Henry J. George and Abel, and John F. Miller wife Mary E. Kruger Fawe. Mother me Uncle George Kruger. This is a fine day a little cool and the wind is in the east. Abel Miller.

A map of 1862 of the property illustrates an underground fed stream that has been widened out to a pond which still exists behind the farm house today.

DESCRIPTION OF LAND

ALL AND SINGULAR that certain parcel or tract of land and premises situate, lying and being in the Township of Bertie, in the County of Welland, now in the Town of Fort Erie, in the Regional Municipality of Niagara, being composed of Part Lot 8, Concession 8, Niagara River and known municipally as 2029 Ridge Road.