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**THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF GRAVENHURST
BY-LAW 2019-84**

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Being a By-law to designate Gull Lake Rotary Park
Located on Lots 82 to 96, 100 to 107, Part of Lots 78 to 81, 99 and 108, Plan 2 and Lots 116
to 119, 121 to 125 and 193, Part of Lots 192 and 194, Plan 3, in the Town of Gravenhurst,
District of Muskoka under the Ontario Heritage Act

WHEREAS Section 29 of the *Ontario Heritage Act*, R.S.O. 1990, c. O.18, as amended, authorizes the Council of a Municipality to enact a by-law to designate a property within the municipality to be of cultural heritage value or interest;

AND WHEREAS Gull Lake Rotary Park located at 405 Brock Street on Lots 82 to 96, 100 to 107, Part of Lots 78 to 81, 99 and 108, Plan 2 and Lots 116 to 119, 121 to 125 and 193, Part of Lots 192 and 194, Plan 3, in the Town of Gravenhurst, District of Muskoka, has been identified by the Town of Gravenhurst Municipal Heritage Committee as being eligible for designation under Part IV of the *Ontario Heritage Act*;

AND WHEREAS Notice of Intention to pass a Designation By-law was given in accordance with Section 29 of the *Ontario Heritage Act*;

AND WHEREAS no Notice of Objection to the proposed designation has been served on the Clerk of the Town;

AND WHEREAS this By-law is to be registered in the proper Land Registry Office with respect to the property described in Schedule "A" attached hereto;

AND WHEREAS the Statement of Cultural Heritage Value or Interest is set out in Schedule "B" attached hereto;

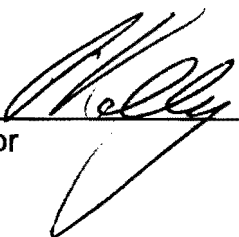
AND WHEREAS the Description of Heritage Attributes is set out in Schedule "C" attached hereto;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF GRAVENHURST ENACTS AS FOLLOWS:


1. Gull Lake Rotary Park, municipally known as 405 Brock Street, more particularly described in Schedule "A", be designated as a property of significant cultural heritage value and interest as described in Schedule "B".
2. The heritage attributes described in Schedule "C" form part of this By-law.
3. The Clerk is hereby authorized to cause a copy of this By-law together with its schedules to be registered against the property in the Land Registrar's Office and shall serve a copy of the By-law together with its schedules upon the property owner and the Ontario Heritage Trust.

4. The By-law shall take full force and effect on the final date of passage hereof.

READ A FIRST, SECOND AND THIRD TIME and finally passed this 26th day of November, 2019



Mayor



Clerk

SCHEDULE 'A'

LEGAL DESCRIPTION

Lots 82 to 96, 100 to 107, Part of Lots 78 to 81, 99 and 108, Plan 2 and Lots 116 to 119, 121 to 125 and 193, Part of Lots 192 and 194, Plan 3 in the Town of Gravenhurst, District Municipality of Muskoka.

405 Brock Street

Roll No. 010-005-11400

SCHEDULE 'B'

STATEMENT OF CULTURAL HERITAGE VALUE

Gull Lake Rotary Park has been a significant part of Gravenhurst for over 100 years. The property was first granted to Joseph Brock Sr, an early pioneer. Commencing in the late 1880s, it was bought and sold by various railroad companies. The Town of Gravenhurst acquired it in 1932 for \$1,000 from Canadian National Railways. Prior to this purchase, the property was used for culture and recreation purposes by the community including regattas, recreation and concerts. It remains a popular area for family gatherings, swimming, Sunday evening "Music on the Barge" concerts, an annual antique car show and traditional recreational pursuits. Key structures include the Barge (officially opened by Queen Elizabeth II and Prince Philip in July 1959) and the Public Utilities Commission building (which generated early electricity for the Town until 1907), as well as the Stone Stairs and Retaining Wall constructed by German Prisoners of War.

SCHEDULE 'C'

DESCRIPTION OF HERITAGE ATTRIBUTES

There are five heritage elements associated with Gull Lake Rotary Park.

1 - The magnificent Pine Trees are a defining feature of the Park, with some of the trees having been there for 100 years.

2 – The offshore Barge is attached to the shore by a wooden walkway on piers, has a colourful lakeside backdrop which forms the vista to the north and east, and has a wooden scalloped edging attached around the skirt of the stage.

3 – There are two sets of Stone Stairs and a Stone Retaining Wall on the lakeside of the Park which were constructed by German Prisoners of War.

4 – The Public Utilities Commission (PUC) building is built out of concrete blocks. There is a graphic etched in concrete above the side door on the outside. Inside there remains evidence of industrial equipment near the ceiling on the west wall.

5 – This site was the staging area for the ice harvesting industry on Gull Lake.

