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**Re: Notice of Intent to Designate
Camp Samac at 1711 Simcoe Street North**

Pursuant to Part IV of the *Ontario Heritage Act*, R.S.O. 1990, Chapter O. 18, please be advised that the Council of the Corporation of the City of Oshawa intends to designate the following property as a property of cultural heritage value or interest:

Camp Samac at 1711 Simcoe Street North (described as PIN 16270-1036(LT); PT N1/2 LT 9 CON 4 EAST WHITBY AS IN CO132693; PT LT 10 CON 4 EAST WHITBY; PT LT 11 CON 4 EAST WHITBY; PT ROAD ALLOWANCE BTN LTS 10 AND 11 CON 4 EAST WHITBY CLOSED BY BYLAW 391 AS IN CO123078, CO114510 EXCEPT PART 2 PLAN 40R29010, PTS 1, 2, 3, 40R16107, PTS 1, 2, 40R16108; S/T D418099, EW16403, EW16438, EW16460, EW22701; CITY OF OSHAWA)

Reasons for the Proposed Designation

1. Location and Description of Property

Camp Samac, municipally known as 1711 Simcoe Street North, is a 63.54 hectare (157 ac.) property owned by Scouts Canada with frontages and driveway access along the east side of Simcoe Street North, south of Eastwood Avenue North, and along the south side of Conlin Road East, east of Walreg Drive. The property is located on a traditional Aboriginal portage route linking Lake Ontario with Lake Scugog. It contains 21 buildings, almost all constructed of logs, which are used for various aspects of Scouts Canada programs, along with an outdoor swimming pool.

2. Legal Description

The property at Camp Samac at 1711 Simcoe Street North is identified as:

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3. Statement of Cultural Heritage Value or Interest

Since 1946, Camp Samac at 1711 Simcoe Street North has been used as a Scout camp, taking advantage of its natural features (Oshawa Creek, Lake Samac, woodlands and open spaces) to provide a unique outdoor setting for Scouting and Guiding programs. Thousands of youth have benefitted from the opportunities to learn outdoor skills, develop leadership qualities, grow as individuals and interact with others while enjoying sports and recreational activities.

All buildings or structures within the interior of the Camp Samac property (excluding the westerly gate structure) may be altered, repaired, maintained or demolished and new buildings or structures may be constructed within the interior of Camp Samac without any approval of City Council under the Ontario Heritage Act provided any of these actions are consistent with and achieve Scouts Canada's Mission in providing and maintaining access to the natural environment and continuing to facilitate scouting adventures on the property for generations of Canadian youth now and in the future.

4. Heritage Attributes

The key heritage attributes of Camp Samac that reflect its value as an important link to the history of Oshawa consist of the following:

Design/Physical Value:

- The westerly gate structure which represents a high degree of craftsmanship and/or artistic merit.

Historical and Associative Value:

- The opportunities that the camp has provided since 1946 for youth to learn, grow and have fun in a tranquil outdoor setting, in all four seasons;
- Its close association with (and in fact named after) Colonel Robert S. McLaughlin, founder of General Motors of Canada;
- Its influence on thousands of young men and women through their involvement in Scouting and Guiding activities, both as youth and as leaders, over the years; and,
- The presence of a number of esteemed visitors over the years, including Lady Baden-Powell (the wife of the founder of Scouting) in 1946, former Governor-General Roland Michener in 1971, former Lieutenant-Governor Pauline McGibbon in 1979, and Lord Baden-Powell's grandson in 1987.

Contextual Value:

- Its outstanding setting, nestled in the Oshawa Creek valley, with many views of Lake Samac;

- Its physical, functional, visual and historical link to its surroundings, particularly the Oshawa Creek valley lands; and,
- Its role as a landmark, readily identifiable to many residents of Durham Region including those outside of the Scouting movement.

While the full particulars of the Reasons for Designation for Camp Samac are normally available for inspection in Planning Services, 8th Floor, City Hall, 50 Centre Street South, between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, access to City Hall is subject to COVID-19 protocols. Accordingly, please call or email the City Contact identified below as our business operations are subject to change as the Province of Ontario reopens.

Any person may, on or before the 14th day of June, 2021, send by registered mail or deliver to the City Clerk, Notice of Objection to the proposed designation, together with a statement of their reasons for the objection and all relevant facts. If a Notice of Objection is received, the Council of the City of Oshawa will refer the matter to the Conservation Review Board for a hearing and a report.

If you require further information or clarification, please contact me at the address shown or by telephone at (905) 436-3311, extension 2402.



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