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Clause (1ii), Report Number 73, 2021

By-Law Number 2021-139

A By-Law To Designate the Crystal Springs Schoolhouse at 321 Days Road to be of Cultural Heritage Value and Interest pursuant to the Provisions of the *Ontario Heritage Act* (R.S.O. 1990, 0.18)

Passed: October 5, 2021

Whereas Section 29 of the Ontario Heritage Act, R.S.O. 1990, Chapter 0.18 authorizes the Council of a Municipality to enact by-laws to designate real property, including all buildings and structures thereon, to be of cultural heritage value or interest; and

Whereas Council has consulted with its Municipal Heritage Committee and has approved the designation of the property located at 321 Days Road, also known as the Crystal Springs Schoolhouse (Part of Lot 8, Concession 1 as in FR716247, City of Kingston, County of Frontenac) on July 21, 2021; and

Whereas a notice of intention to designate the property was published in The Kingston Whig-Standard, which is a newspaper having general circulation in the Municipality, on August 17, 2021; and

Whereas no notice of objection to the proposed designation was served to the Clerk of The Corporation of the City of Kingston.

Therefore be it resolved that the Council of The Corporation of the City of Kingston hereby enacts as follows:

- To designate as being of cultural heritage value and interest the following property in the City of Kingston: 321 Days Road, also known as the Crystal Springs Schoolhouse, more particularly described in Schedule "A" attached hereto and forming part of this By-law;
- 2. A copy of the designating by-law shall be registered against the property affected in the proper land registry office. The City Clerk is hereby authorized to cause a copy of this by-law to be served on the owner of the land described in Schedule "A" hereto and on The Ontario Heritage Trust and to cause notice of the passing of this by-law to be published in The Kingston Whig-Standard;
- 3. In accordance with the City's Procedural By-law for Heritage, those alterations defined as 'Maintenance' herein will not require prior approval under the *Ontario Heritage Act.* For the purpose of interpretation, the term 'Maintenance' will

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include the following definition (or as otherwise defined in the City's Procedural By-law for Heritage): "Maintenance means routine, cyclical, non-destructive actions, necessary to slow the deterioration of a Protected Heritage Properties, including the following: periodical inspection; property cleanup; gardening and repair of landscape features, including the erection of low decorative fencing which does not obstruct the view of the house and personal (non-business) signage/plaque, provided plans are approved in advance by Heritage staff; replacement of glass in broken windows; minor exterior repairs, including replacement of asphalt shingles where there is little or no change in colour or design; repainting provided any change in colour is approved in advance by Heritage staff; re-pointing areas of wall space under 1.5 square metres; caulking and weatherproofing."

- The City reserves the right to install a designated property plaque or interpretive panel; and
- 5. This By-Law shall come into force and take effect on the date of its passing.

Given First and Second Readings: August 10, 2021

Given Third Reading and Passed: October 5, 2021

John Bolognone City Clerk

Bryan Paterson Mayor



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Schedule "A"

Description and Reasons for Designation

Crystal Springs Schoolhouse

| Civic Address: | 321 Days Road |
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| Legal Description: | Part of Lot 8, Concession 1 as in FR716247; City of Kingston, County of Frontenac |
| Property Roll Number: | 1011 080 090 1000000 |

Introduction and Description of Property

Crystal Springs Schoolhouse, located at 321 Days Road, is located on the west side of Days Road, south of Henderson Boulevard, in the City of Kingston. The property includes a two-storey rubblestone limestone former schoolhouse building, constructed in 1869. While the entire property aids in conserving its cultural heritage value, the area that is most important are those portions visible from Days Road.

Statement of Cultural Heritage Value/Statement of Significance

Physical/Design Value

Crystal Spring Schoolhouse (School Section Number 2 or S.S. No. 2) has design value as an excellent example of an early two-storey Ontario schoolhouse in Kingston. This simple two-storey rubblestone limestone building was built by Hayes Construction Company of Kingston in 1869. It has a front-end gable roof that features a square opening with a cast iron ventilation, stone voussoirs and a stone sill. The design of the central doorway with classical detailing and fanlight, is common for this age and style of schoolhouse. The façade has a simple one-storey porch along its entire length, which is a later addition, likely added when the property was converted to residential use. The porch does not contribute to the property's cultural heritage value. The original fenestration has been retained and includes six-over-six vertically sliding wood sash windows with stone voussoirs and stone sills. The schoolhouse is unusual in its design in relation to other late 19th century schoolhouses with a_two-storey massing and use of the second floor as a "teacher's quarters" on the second floor.

Historical/Associative Value

Crystal Spring Schoolhouse (named after a natural spring to the east of the schoolhouse) has historical value as it represents a shift in the planning and accommodation of education in the 19th century in this area, which included a transition to larger centralized schools. The Crystal Spring School was constructed in 1860 and replaced two earlier, smaller schools in the immediate area. It was the centre of education in the community 1869 until its closing in 1950. The upper storey served as the "teacher's quarters". Later, when it was no longer used as the teachers' living quarters, it was used by the United Farmers' Club. Until it closed in 1950, up to 60 students at a time attended the Crystal Spring Schoolhouse. Students were transferred to J. R. Henderson School after the school's closure. The building was purchased by private owners in 1951.

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The Crystal Spring Schoolhouse also has associated value for its connection to Dr. Amos Samuel Bristol who donated the land for the school. It was conveyed legally to the Common School Trustees of S.S. No. 2 of the Township of Kingston by deed registered July 1873. Dr. Bristol was a notable local figure. He was the surgeon of the 4th regiment of Cavalry and retired in 1884 with the rank of Surgeon Major. He later opened his own practice in Napanee. In addition, Dr. Bristol was active in making improvements to the local community, was a member of the Township Council and a School Trustee who helped erect schoolhouses, churches and other public buildings.

Contextual Value

The Crystal Spring Schoolhouse is located in the Henderson neighbourhood overlooking the Collins Bay Prison Farm lands to the east. Once a rural one-room schoolhouse, now a dwelling, it is surrounded by modern era suburban residential development. Rather than commanding attention as rural Ontario schoolhouses tended to do with their locations surrounded by farmed fields and close to the road, the present land use pattern and built form surrounding Crystal Springs Schoolhouse is relatively uniform, and so the property more readily blends into the surrounding context.

The view of farmland to the east reflects its once-rural context when students traveled from surrounding farmhouses to attend classes.

Cultural Heritage Attributes

Key exterior elements that contribute to the property's cultural heritage value include its:

- Two-storey massing and form;
- Rubblestone construction;
- End gable roof;
- Square opening in gable end with cast iron ventilation grill, stone voussoirs and stone sill;
- Three-bay façade with nadorned limestone exterior;
- Central entrance on the façade with original or period appropriate paneled wood door, with classical surround, and fanlight; and
- Symmetrical window openings on the façade with stone voussoirs and stone sills.

Non-Cultural Heritage Attributes

Elements that do not contribute to the cultural heritage value of the property include its:

- Chimneys
- Shutters
- Interior
- Front porch; and
- Rear additions