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Please find enclosed a Notice of Intention to Designate for the property known municipally as 1474 Highway 7A, Geographic Township of Manvers.

The last date for objections is April 28, 2023. If no objections are filed by 4:00 p.m. on that date with the clerk of the municipality, Council will proceed to pass a bylaw designating the property at the next available Council meeting.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

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Notice: Intention to Designate Property under the Ontario Heritage Act

Take Notice that the Council of the City of Kawartha Lakes, on March 21, 2023, passed a resolution of intent to designate the following property under Section 29 of the Ontario Heritage Act, R.S.O. 1990, c.18, as a property of cultural heritage value or interest:

1474 Highway 7A, Geographic Township of Manvers
N1/2 LT 1 S/S KING ST AND W/S JOHN ST PL 5 MANVERS EXCEPT R391157;
KAWARTHA LAKES

Statement of Reasons for Designation

Design and Physical Value

1474 Highway 7A has design and physical value as a representative example of a small town municipal building constructed in the Romanesque style. The building was constructed in 1912 as a replacement for an older township hall and demonstrates the basic form and design elements of rural and small town municipal buildings and town halls as developed in the second half of the nineteenth century. It includes key elements of the Romanesque style as adapted for smaller institutional structures. These elements include its rounded windows and doors, an oculus window with keystones, and pilasters.

Historical and Associative Value

1474 Highway 7A has historical and associative value as the former Manvers Township Hall and municipal office. The building was constructed in 1912 as a replacement for an older municipal building from the 1870s and is directly related to the development of local government in Manvers Township in the nineteenth and twentieth century. The property yields information regarding the role and operations of local government in the township prior to its amalgamation as part of the City of Kawartha Lakes, and also provides insight on community activities as this building was used for other purposes than municipal functions. The town hall was also constructed by prominent Peterborough architect William Blackwell who was well-known regionally for his institutional and commercial designs.

Contextual Value

1474 Highway 7A has contextual value as part of the historic landscape of downtown Bethany. As one of a range of historic commercial, institutional and residential properties along the Highway 7A corridor through the community,



the structure helps define the centre of the village as one of its primary institutional structures. It supports and maintains the historic small town character of Bethany and helps define its downtown core. The property is also a landmark as a longstanding and continuously operating municipal building, in its former role as a town hall and contemporary role as the local library, as well as the location of the local cenotaph.

Further information respecting the proposed designation is available at the City's Economic Development Department. Any objection to this designation must be filed within 30 days of March 30, 2023. Objections should be directed to: Cathie Richie, Clerk, City of Kawartha Lakes, P.O. Box 9000, 26 Francis Street, Lindsay, ON K9V 5R8.

Any inquiries may be directed to:

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