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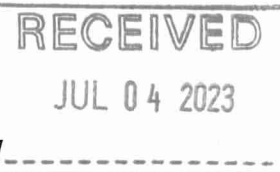
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**NOTICE OF INTENTION TO DESIGNATE A PROPERTY
OF CULTURAL HERITAGE VALUE OR INTEREST &
NOTICE OF INTENTION TO REPEAL DESIGNATION BY-LAW**



TAKE NOTICE THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Penetanguishene intends to introduce a new designation by-law to reflect the relocation of the Penetanguishene Angels to the true municipal border on County Road 93 and to maintain status as a designated property of cultural heritage value or interest under Section 29, Part IV of the *Ontario Heritage Act, R.S.O. 1990, c.18*. As part of the new designation, the Council intends to repeal Town of Penetanguishene By-law 1985-72 being the designation by-law applicable to the former location, under Section 31, Part IV of the *Ontario Heritage Act, R.S.O. 1990, c.18*.

Owner

Town of Penetanguishene / County of Simcoe

Location

Part of Lot 113 West of the Penetanguishene Road, Concession 1 more specifically described as Part 1 and 2 Plan 51R-43970 (see Location Map)

Statement of Cultural Heritage Value

The Penetanguishene Angels, declared as the “portals to Huronia” in 1921, are located on County Road 93 at the municipal border between the Town of Penetanguishene and the Town of Midland. The Angels each stand atop a pillar, adorned with a bugle and torch to light the way to and from Penetanguishene. The original Angels, cast in a Zinc alloy and patinated to resemble bronze, are housed at the Penetanguishene Centennial Museum for safekeeping. Today, replicas of the Angels continue to stand at the municipal border and help tell the story of Penetanguishene’s rich history and distinct culture.

The property has historical value because it has direct associations with a theme, person, and event that is significant and contributes to the understanding of the community. The original Angels were erected through the efforts of Father Athol Murray, Mr. Dennis A. Lahey, and Gerald Lahey. Gerald, a young man in his early twenties, was entering the Jesuit Order and was the only child of Mr. Dennis A. Lahey, owner of D.A. Lahey & Co. General Merchants at 90 Main Street. In entering the Jesuits, Gerald made a vow of poverty and could not accept an inheritance from his father. Instead, his father offered to buy him anything he wanted. At the suggestion of Father Murray and in the consideration of his father who was French speaking and his mother who was English speaking, Gerald wanted something to commemorate and symbolize the “Bonne Entente” between the French and English people of Penetanguishene. The Angels, one marked Ontario and the other marked Quebec, were unveiled in 1921 at the celebration of the three-hundredth anniversary of the arrival of Samuel de Champlain to these parts of Canada. The pair of statues were among only one (1) other statue in Town at the time and remain significant features in the community.

The property has contextual value because it supports the character of the area; is physically, visually, and historically linked to its surroundings; and is a landmark. Penetanguishene is home to a variety of different cultures and the Angels represent two

particularly longstanding cultures of the community. The pair of Angels sit on either side of County Road 93 at the municipal border and frame the entrance to Penetanguishene, providing a visual queue that one has entered the "land of the white rolling sands".

Right to Object

Any person, whether representing an organization or private interest(s), may object to the proposed designation. Notice of objection must be received within thirty (30) days of this Notice and must set out the reasons for the objection and be supported by relevant facts. Objections may be served to the Clerk in writing by mail or by email using the contact information below.

The Corporation of the Town of Penetanguishene
10 Robert Street West
P.O. Box 5009
Penetanguishene, ON L9M 2G2
Attn: Stacey Cooper, Clerk
By email: scooper@penetanguishene.ca

Additional Information

Further information on this matter can be obtained at Townhall or by contacting Owen Taylor, Planner at 705-549-7453 ext. 251 or by email otaylor@penetanguishene.ca.

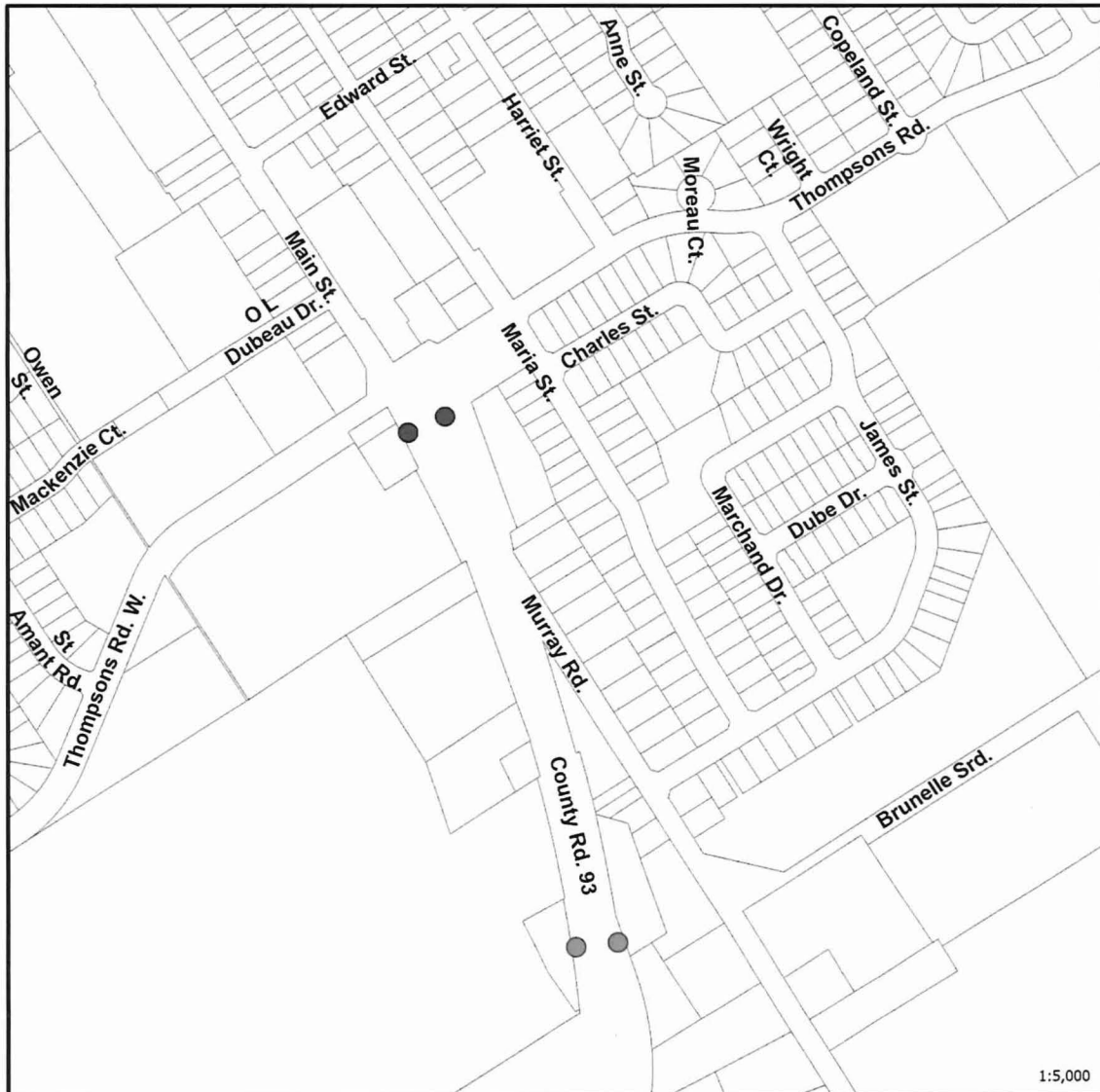
Dated at the Town of Penetanguishene this 29th day of June 2023.



Stacey Cooper
Clerk

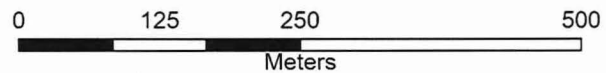


Location Map



Legend

- Existing location of Penetanguishene Angels
- New location of Penetanguishene Angels



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