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NOTICE OF INTENTION TO DESIGNATE AS A HERITAGE PROPERTY

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Take notice that the Council of The City of Quinte West intends to designate the property described below, as a property of cultural heritage value or interest under Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act, R.S.O.1990.

62 County Rd 5 (The Wooler Schoolhouse)

The Wooler Schoolhouse is a 20th century institutional building located on the north side of County Road 5 on part of Lot 19, Concession 5 in the community of Wooler in the former Murray Township, now the Municipality of Quinte West, in Northumberland County. The approximately 2.83-acre property comprises a three-storey concrete, rock-face concrete block, and Insulbrick -brick look siding—institutional building.

Reason for Designation

Council has authorized staff to proceed with designating the property under Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act. The property meets two or more of the criteria for determining that it is of cultural heritage value or interest under Ontario Regulation 9/06.

Statement of Cultural Heritage Value or Interest;

The Property has design and physical value because the building is a rare example of a vernacular building in the Prairie Style of architecture. The building exhibits Prairie Style elements through its projecting eaves, rectangular windows, natural materials with strips of wood, open plan, wings radiating from a central core, ornamentation through color and texture, abstract cubic massing, and simple clean lines.

The Property holds historical and associative significance because it is directly linked to an institution, an organization, and a theme that are of great importance to the community. The Property shares a direct association with the Public School Board of the Township of Murray, tracing its roots back to the community members who constructed the original schoolhouse.

The Property also has a direct association with the Boy Scouts of Canada, who acquired ownership in 1968 until the early 2020s, and transformed the building into a central hub for youth activities and community events. In addition, the Property is closely tied to the theme of education in Wooler and Murray Township, witnessing the growth of the schoolhouse in response to increasing enrollment and educational trends, including the development of the continuation school, which called for a larger education structure.

The Property has contextual value because it plays a crucial role in preserving the character of Wooler, holds historical connections to its surroundings, and stands as a significant landmark. Serving as one of the few institutional buildings in the village, the schoolhouse contributes to the distinctive character of Wooler. It maintains historical ties to its surroundings, having evolved and expanded over time to accommodate the growing local population and educational demands. Moreover, the schoolhouse stands as a well-known and cherished landmark, prominently shaping the identity of Wooler and serving as a testament to its rich history within the community.

Further information regarding the proposed heritage designation of The Wooler Schoolhouse can be obtained by contacting the Planning Division of the City of Quinte West during regular business hours between 8:30 a.m and 4:30 p.m from Monday to Friday, 613-392-2841, planning@quintewest.ca

Objection

A person who objects to the proposed designation shall, within thirty (30) days after the date of publication of the Notice of the Intention to Designate, serve on the Clerk of the City of Quinte West, a notice of objection setting out the reason(s) for the objection and all relevant facts per Section 29 (5) of the Ontario Heritage Act. Such objection shall be received no later than 4:00 p.m on April 13, 2024. If such notice of objection is received, the matter will be referred to the Council for consideration.

Dated at the City of Quinte West this 14th day of March 2024.

Josh Machesney, City Clerk, Telephone: (613) 392 2841