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To: Ontario Heritage Trust
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From: Michael Michaud, Manager of Planning

Date: October 16, 2024

RE: Intention to Designate – 3069 (barn and feed silo) and 3071 (house) County Road 13, Ward of South Marysburgh

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This letter is to inform you of the intention to designate the property located at 3069 and 3071 County Road 13 (Bilzzmax Barn, Feed Silo and Mennacher House), in the Ward of South Marysburgh, in the County of Prince Edward. Please see the attached Statement of Cultural Heritage Value for the property, which includes a description of the property, statement explaining the cultural heritage value of the property and a description of the heritage attributes of the property.

No later than the **16th day of November, 2024** by registered mail or deliver to the Municipality's Clerk, a Notice of Objection to the proposed designation(s), together with a statement of the reasons for the objection and relevant facts. When a Notice of Objection has been received, the Council of the County of Prince Edward will refer the matter to the Conservation Review Board for a hearing and report.

If you have any question, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Best Regards,

for Michael Michaud, MCIP RPP
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STATEMENT OF CULTURAL HERITAGE VALUE/STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Design or Physical Value

Criteria: The property has design value or physical value because it is a rare, unique, representative or early example of a style, type, expression, material or construction method.

The barn has physical value because it is a representative example of a type of late-nineteenth-century agricultural barn in Ontario used for housing cattle in winter and storing hay within the large volume of its Gambrel roof. It is a representative and intact example of a heavy-timber frame construction method typical of South Marysburgh. The survival of the barn's interior spaces illustrates their original functions, adding further to the representative value. The sound condition and high-quality of the barn's construction impart great historical integrity and authenticity.

The feed silo has physical value because it is a rare example in Prince Edward County of a Ribstone silo, with walls made of concrete staves reinforced with steel tie hoops.

The Mennacher House has design value because it is a rare (possibly unique) example in Prince Edward County of the West Coast Modernist style and functionalism and of the planned and partial construction of a Trombe wall.

Criteria: The property has design value or physical value because it displays a high degree of craftsmanship or artistic merit.

The Mennacher House has design value because it displays a high degree of artistic merit in the nuanced and individual design expression of the owner-architect, who synthesized traditional residential form and materials with a Modernist West Coast architectural style and functionalism.

Criteria: The property has design value or physical value because it demonstrates a high degree of technical or scientific achievement.

The Mennacher House has design value because it demonstrates a high degree of technical achievement in integrating the requirements of a Trombe wall seamlessly into a traditional house form, plus interesting and unusual supplementary forms of passive solar energy harvesting using a heat sink.

Historical or Associative Value

Criteria: The property has historical value or associative value because it has direct associations with a theme, event, belief, person, activity, organization or institution that is significant to a community.

The barn and feed silo have historical value because they have a direct association with agriculture in South Marysburgh, an activity that is significant to the community.

The Blizzmax barn has associative value for its direct association with the work of Alice and Peter Mennacher. In the 1990s, they were instrumental in nurturing an early network of artists in the County and in promoting an awareness of the artists' work through the Blizzmax Gallery and community events. Their fields of endeavour – art and grape growing – were significant for the evolving character of the County.

The Mennacher House has associative value because it has a direct association with early efforts to achieve sustainability of energy use in Prince Edward County, a current and ongoing concern that is significant to the community.

Criteria: The property has historical value or associative value because it demonstrates or reflects the work or ideas of an architect, artist, builder, designer or theorist who is significant to a community.

The Blizzmax Gallery has associative value because it reflects the work and ideas of the artist Peter Mennacher.

The Mennacher House has associative value because it reflects the work and ideas of its owner-architect Alice Mennacher, who through its creation has made a significant contribution to the County's architecture.

Contextual Value

Criteria: The property has contextual value because it is important in defining, maintaining or supporting the character of an area.

Located in its original position, close to County Road 13 and near a small bend in the road, the large barn, with silo, is a prominent feature in the surrounding agricultural landscape. The barn and silo have contextual value because they are important in defining, maintaining and supporting the agricultural character of South Marysburgh, and in particular, the very old relationship of rural landscape features which are characteristic of this area along South Bay.

Criteria: The property has contextual value because it is physically, functionally, visually or historically linked to its surroundings.

The barn, in its original physical location, has contextual value because it is physically, functionally, visually and historically linked to its surroundings. It is visually and historically related to the original Collier farmhouse 50 m to the south and to part of the farmstead's apple orchard that survives, which was once part of a hub of thriving apple growers in South Bay; and to the main section of the farm fields to the east of the road. Today, the Blizzmax Barn and its exhibit space are functionally linked to the tourist route along County Road 13.

HERITAGE ATTRIBUTES

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

Blizzmax Barn

- Form and massing of the barn
- Heavy-timber interior structural framing
- Peter Mennacher's Blizzmax logo on the south elevation
- The north addition and its interior conversion from milking stalls to an exhibit space and artist studio of the Blizzmax Gallery

Feed Silo

- Form and massing of the silo
- The "Ribstone" Concrete stave construction with steel hoops"
- Domed metal roof

Mennacher House

- The traditional residential form and massing
- The symmetrical composition of window openings in the elevations
- The vertical emphasis of the roof slopes, window openings, and siding
- The unusual triangular geometry of the entrance porch and sunroom
- The Modernist expression of traditional materials, including in the wood siding
- The elements of the Trombe wall integrated into the south elevation
- The triangular window opening in the apex of each of the three gables
- The exposed heavy-timber beams and posts in the ground floor interior