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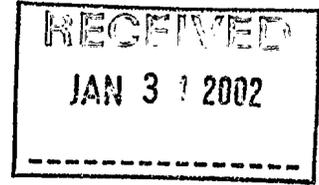
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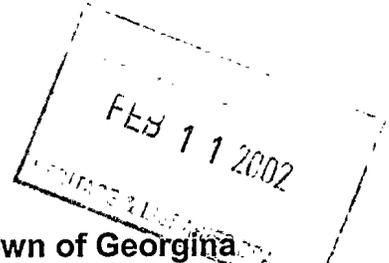
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IN THE MATTER OF THE ONTARIO HERITAGE ACT, RSO 1990

AND IN THE MATTER OF THE LAND AND PREMISES IN THE
TOWN OF GEORGINA IN THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO
HEREINAFTER DESCRIBED

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO DESIGNATE MOSSINGTON BRIDGE UNDER PART IV OF THE ONTARIO HERITAGE ACT

TO: Ontario Heritage Foundation
10 Adelaide Street East
Toronto, Ontario
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TAKE NOTICE that the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Georgina intends to designate the following property known as Mossington Bridge, as a structure of historic or architectural value or interest, under Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act, R.S.O. 1990:

MUNICIPAL ADDRESS:	Over the Black River linking Hedge Road and Lake Drive
LEGAL DESCRIPTION:	Part Lot 4, Concession 8 (G), being Parts 1 on Water Lot CL2932.
HISTORICAL REFERENCE:	Mossington Bridge

*Objection
Withdrawn*

NOTICE OF OBJECTION: Any person who objects to the proposed designation may on or before the 1st day of March, 2002, serve on the Clerk of the Town of Georgina, a notice of objection setting out the reason for the objection and all relevant facts. Service may be made by delivery personally to the Clerk or by registered mail. If service is made by registered mail, it is not effective unless and until it is actually received by the Clerk and the responsibility for ensuring it is received within the prescribed time rests with the person filing the objection. If such a notice is actually received after the prescribed time, it will not be accepted by the Clerk as a valid objection.



Roland Chenier
Town Clerk

REASONS FOR PROPOSED DESIGNATION

SUMMARY: Mossington Bridge is a steel, through truss structure linking Hedge Road with Lake Drive East, over the mouth of the Black River at Lot 4, Concession 8, Georgina Township, now the Town of Georgina. A crossing at that location likely dates to the period of aboriginal interaction with the shoreline of Lake Simcoe. A timber bridge was removed just before the construction of the existing structure in 1912. The steel bridge was erected by Georgina Township Council using the design of the County of York staff engineer, Frank Barber, with the National Bridge Company as contractors. Although a single lane, the bridge is in constant use.

HISTORICAL BACKGROUND: The history of the bridge linking Hedge Road with Lake Drive East (known collectively as Lakeshore Road), over the mouth of the Black River at Lot 4, Concession 8, Georgina Township, likely begins with the aboriginal population. For centuries, the shoreline of Lake Simcoe was used for seasonal encampments by the Woodland, Huron, and Ojibwa nations. Stretches of trails following the shoreline interconnected the overland and water routes. The Lakeshore Road, which follows the shoreline and crosses the Black River, may have originated as one of these trails and was improved as the area was opened for settlement. The present bridge is likely at or near the location of a historic crossing or foot bridge that has been the responsibility of the Township now Town of Georgina for over a hundred and fifty years.

HERITAGE SIGNIFICANCE: For Georgina, the Mossington Bridge represents the historic crossing of the mouth of the Black River at Lake Simcoe. It has linked the estates of founding families on the east and west sides of the river, served a mill, campgrounds, dance pavilion, cottagers, and residents traveling to Mossington's Park and the surrounding communities. Designed by a noted engineer, Frank Barber, and constructed by the National Bridge Company with Lewis Construction Company, it is both functional and picturesque. Even its narrow width is a reminder of the evolution of roadways, bridges, and traditional transportation patterns. Mossington Bridge is a significant landmark that is part of the tradition and heritage of Georgina.

A more detailed Reasons for Designation may be viewed at the Office of the Clerk, Town of Georgina Civic Centre, 26557 Civic Centre Road, Keswick or on our website at www.town.georgina.on.ca.