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MEMO

Date: March 28, 2011.

To: Jim Leonard, OHA Registrar, Ontario Heritage Trust, 10 Adelaide Street East, Toronto, ON, M5C 1J3.

From: Debra McKinstry, Clerk/Planning Administrator
Township of Edwardsburgh/Cardinal

Subject: **Notice of Intention to Designate the Spencerville Mill, 11 Water Street (Spencerville), in the Township of Edwardsburgh/Cardinal**

Please find enclosed the Notice of Intention to Designate the property described above as being of cultural heritage value or interest under Part IV of the *Ontario Heritage Act*.

Thank you,

enclosed



NOTICE OF INTENTION TO DESIGNATE

IN THE MATTER OF THE *ONTARIO HERITAGE ACT*, R.S.O. 1990, CHAPTER 0.18, AS AMENDED, AND IN THE MATTER OF THE LANDS AND PREMISES KNOWN AS SPENCERVILLE MILL LOCATED AT 11 WATER STREET (SPENCERVILLE) IN THE TOWNSHIP OF EDWARDSBURGH/CARDINAL, IN THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO.

TAKE NOTICE that the Council of The Corporation of the Township of Edwardsburgh/Cardinal intends to designate the property at 11 Water Street (Spencerville) as a property of cultural heritage value or interest under Part IV of the *Ontario Heritage Act*, R.S.O. c.O. 18.

DESCRIPTION OF THE PROPERTY

The subject property is worthy of designation under Part IV, Section 29 of the Ontario Heritage Act for its cultural heritage value, and meets the criteria for municipal heritage designation prescribed by *Ontario Heritage Act* Regulation 9/06.

SHORT STATEMENT OF THE REASON FOR THE DESIGNATION

The Spencerville Mill demonstrates the establishment of a mill and associated agricultural village in mid 19th century Ontario, which historically had a number of other businesses and small industries that opened around the mill to serve the surrounding agricultural community.

The mill contains sufficient milling and power train equipment used as an interpretation tool for visitors who can gain an understanding of a feed mill operation during the 1930s. Given the mill's proximity to the South Nation River and its long use as an industrial site, the mill property possesses high archaeological potential.

Mills such as the one in Spencerville were once an extremely common building type found on rivers and streams throughout the province.

There are few mills that remain intact in the province; with the Spencerville Mill as the last remaining mill on the South Nation River.

The mill also exhibits a significant level of technical achievement by demonstrating the evolution of mill technology in Ontario from undershot waterwheel (medieval system) to turbine (20th century), to coal, gasoline, and then electricity. The Spencerville Mill is a recognizable landmark within its region and community.

DESCRIPTION OF HERITAGE ATTRIBUTES

To ensure that the cultural heritage value of this property is conserved, certain heritage attributes that contribute to its value have been identified specifically and they include:

Historical or Associative Value:

- Direct association with the development of the milling industry in Spencerville;
- Contributes to the understanding of the settlement and development of Spencerville and area and its role as an agricultural service centre for the surrounding region;
- Associations with prominent area business persons including Robert Fairbairn, Thomas Bennett and Bennett family and J. F. Barnard;
- The mill has played an important role in the community for 150 years;
- Contributes to an understanding of milling operations and related technology, along with its role in agricultural production;
- Mill produced the "Grow or Bust" trademark poultry feed which was one of the earliest domestic lines of balanced feeds produced in Canada.

Design or Physical Value:

Exterior:

- The randomly coursed field stone (limestone) masonry walls;
- The simple cubic massing of the main building;
- The spill-way and retaining walls;
- The reconstructed timber loading dock (ca. 2001);
- The reconstructed multi-paned paired windows (1999-2001);
- The flat masonry arches supporting some window openings;
- The timber lintels supporting some window openings;
- The extremely low-pitched gable roof (2 in 12);
- The one-storey and two-storey additions with gable roofs on the east side;
- Addition on the west side (ca. 2004-2006).

Interior:

- All floors:
 - The lime-washed exposed masonry walls on all floors;
 - The exposed heavy timber frame beams, joists, columns, cross-bracing, roof trusses and rafters on all floors;
 - Basement:
 - The wood stairs;
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- The fixed milling equipment including: elevators, power train, universal gear, turbine, belts, fly wheels, main gear assembly, and drive wheels;
- Ground Floor:
 - The fixed milling equipment including: weigh scale, grain chutes, bagger for buckwheat flour and cornmeal, bucket grain elevators, single and double roller mills and plate grinder;
- Second Floor:
 - The fixed milling equipment including: power train, and bolter.

Contextual Value:

- Its proximity to the South Nation River;
- Its masonry-lined river bank;
- Its concrete dam, steel sluice, masonry and concrete channels and piers;
- The view of the mill from the bridge;
- The view of the mill from the pond.

The short statement of reason for the designation, including a description of the heritage attributes along with all other components of the detailed Heritage Report: Statement of Reason for Heritage Designation, constitute the "reason for heritage designation" required under the *Ontario Heritage Act*.

Please contact Debra McKinstry, Clerk/Planning Administrator for further information respecting the proposed designation.

Notice of objection to the designation, setting out the reason for the objection and all relevant facts, may be served on the Clerk, Township of Edwardsburgh/Cardinal, 18 Centre Street, P.O. Box 129, Spencerville, Ontario, K0E 1X0 no later than 4:30 p.m. on April 29, 2011.

Dated at the Township of Edwardsburgh/Cardinal on this 28th day of March, 2011.

Debra McKinstry, Clerk
Township of Edwardsburgh/Cardinal