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ONTARIO HERITAGE TRUST

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July 8, 2016

Ontario Heritage Trust
10 Adelaide Street East
Toronto ON M5C 1J3

Dear Sir/Madam:

Re: Notice of Intention to Designate
Kerr's Bridge, Sideroad 22C at Beaver River, west of Grey Road 13

At the meeting of June 27th, 2016, Council passed the following resolution:
That Council supports the recommendation of Heritage Grey Highlands to designate Kerr's Bridge under the Ontario Heritage Act; and That Staff be directed to circulate the Notice of Intention to Designate pursuant to the Ontario Heritage Act and advertise in the local newspaper.

Please find attached information provided by Heritage Grey Highlands to support the designation.

The current information on the property is:

Property Owner: Grey Highlands Municipality
Location: Sideroad 22C at Beaver River, west of Grey Road 13 near
Heathcote
Concession 1, between Lot 21 and Lot 22 (Euphrasia)

If you require any other information, please contact the undersigned.

Yours truly,



Debbie Robertson, AMCT
Director and Clerk
Council and Legislative Services
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519 986 1216 Ext. 233

**NOTICE OF INTENTION TO DESIGNATE
PURSUANT TO THE ONTARIO HERITAGE ACT**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Council of the Corporation of the Municipality of Grey Highlands intends to designate the hereinafter mentioned property/ structure for its cultural heritage value or interest under the provisions of Section 29, Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act, R.S.O. 1990, as amended.

Location: Sideroad 22C at Beaver River, west of Grey Road 13 near Heathcote
Concession 1, between Lot 21 and Lot 22 (Euphrasia)

Description of property/structure:

Kerr's Bridge is a pin-connected truss bridge with pedimented portal bracing located where Sideroad 22C crosses the Beaver River approximately ½ km west of the junction of 22C with Grey Road 13 and approximately 1 km south of where Grey Road 13 also crosses the Beaver River in Heathcote.

Statement of Cultural Heritage Value or Interest:

The design and physical heritage value of Kerr's Bridge (latterly known as Breadner Bridge) lies primarily in that this particular bridge is one of the most unusual designs to be seen among surviving pin-connected truss bridges. Having a style suggestive of an older truss that dates to early 1880s, this also may well be one of the oldest pin-connected truss bridges in Ontario. The most visually striking feature that sets this bridge apart from other bridges of this type is its uncommon pedimented portal bracing, an ornamental design generally found only on the oldest pin-connected truss bridges. Another design feature more common to older pin-connected through truss bridges is the "boxy" manner in which the top chord ends abruptly over the end post, rather than blending into the end post without a vertical face at the end. The ends of the top chord are faced with cast iron plaques crediting Hamilton Bridge Co. as the builder, but giving no date. Stylistically, the details of the bridge are consistent with other bridges such as Norwich Bridge and Conestogo Bridge, both also built by the Hamilton Bridge Company in early 1880s. (credit: Nathan Holth, Historic Bridges)

The historical and associative value of Kerr's Bridge relates to early pioneer James Kerr who settled the property south of the river c.1850 and was elected the first reeve when Euphrasia Township was incorporated late 1852. The Kerr family remained on the property well into the 1900s and thus were involved with 1881 replacement of the earliest log or wood bridge and again after flood damage in 1893. Council records indicate a large sum paid to James Kerr in 1906 (seemingly to create the concrete bridge abutments), and further payments to him mention a metal truss, thus dating installment of this bridge in this location to c. 1906-07.

Kerr's bridge has contextual value because it enables crossing the Beaver River, an initial purpose of paramount importance for original agricultural settlers to enjoy economic success. The bridge also has contextual value as a unique landmark enjoyed by motorists, bikers, hikers and those paddling the river.

Description of Key Heritage Attributes:

- Complex pin-connected trusses that span the length composed as follows:
 - Top chord & end post: back-to-back channels with v-lacing and cover plate
 - Vertical members: Back-to-back channels with v-lacing on each side
 - Hip Verticals: up-set style eye-bars with supplementary rods added at a later date
 - Diagonal members: up-set style eye-bars
 - Bottom chord: up-set style eye-bars, except for center panels which are replaced with channel
 - Struts: two pairs of angles with v-lacing, and knees compose of a single piece of angle;
 - Overhead lateral bracing: Square rod with turnbuckles;
 - Floor beams: replacements, composed of modern rolled Wide flange beams
 - Lower lateral bracing: replacement rods.
- Portal bracing: Unusual pedimented design composed of paired angles connected by v-lacing and plate, and with curved knee braces composed of a single angle
- Embossed iron plaques installed on each entry portal identifying manufacture by Hamilton Bridge Works
- Concrete bridge abutments possibly encasing original stone supports
- The location on SR 22C in an open, park like setting offering scenic views of the Beaver River

Inquiries about the intention to designate may be directed to Debbie Robertson, Clerk by phone 519 986 1216 Ext 233 or email at robertsond@greyhighlands.ca.

Notice of objection to this designation may be served on the Clerk of the Corporation of the Municipality of Grey Highlands within thirty days of this Notice. Any Notice of Objection shall indicate the reasons for the objection and all relevant facts. The last day for filing an objection is August 12th, 2016.

DATED at Grey Highlands this 13th day of July, 2016.

Debbie Robertson, Municipal Clerk
Municipality of Grey Highlands
206 Toronto Street S., Unit 1, P.O. Box 409, Markdale,
ON N0C 1H0

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Further information respecting the proposed designation is available from the Municipality. Inquiries about the intention to designate may be directed to Debbie Robertson, Clerk by phone 519 986 1216 Ext 233 or email at robertsond@greyhighlands.ca.

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