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Ontario Heritage Foundation
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Re: 66 Moir Street, Elora, ON
18 Colborne Street, Elora, ON
482 Washington Street, Salem, ON
439 Geddes Street, Salem, ON
279 St. Andrew Street East, Fergus, ON
Irvine River Bridge, Elora, ON

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② 439 Geddes St, Salem
③ 482 Washington St, Salem
④ 18 Colborne St
⑤ 66 Moir St
⑥ Irvine River Bridge, David St

Dear Sir/Madam:

40 Please be advised the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Centre Wellington passed By-laws 2007-063, 2007-064, 2007-065, 2007-066, 2007-066, 2007-067 and 2007-068, designating the above noted properties, including lands and buildings to be of architectural and/or historical value or interest under Part IV of the *Ontario Heritage Act*, R.S.O. 1990, c.O.18.

Enclosed herewith is a certified copy of the By-laws, including statements explaining the cultural heritage value or interest of the property and a description of the heritage attributes of the property.

Should you have any questions or require clarification, please do not hesitate to contact the Clerk's Department.

Yours truly,

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Kerri O'Kane, AMCT
Deputy Clerk

Encl.

TOWNSHIP OF CENTRE WELLINGTON

BY-LAW 2007-068

Being a By-law to designate the Irvine River Bridge, David Street, Elora, (formerly in the Village of Elora), now in the Township of Centre Wellington, to be of cultural heritage value or interest

WHEREAS on the advice of the Municipal Heritage Committee, Council has been advised to designate the property attached hereto to be of cultural heritage value or interest to the provisions of the *Ontario Heritage Act*, R.S.O. 1990, c.O.18;

AND WHEREAS the provisions of Section 29, Subsections (1), (2), (3) and (4) have been complied with and no objection has been received by the Municipality.

NOW THEREFORE THE COUNCIL OF THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF CENTRE WELLINGTON HEREBY ENACTS AS FOLLOWS:

1. The lands and premises described as the Irvine River Bridge, David Street, (formerly in the Village of Elora), now in the Township of Centre Wellington are hereby designated to be a structure of cultural heritage value or interest.
2. The reasons for the designation are as follows:

Cultural Heritage Value or Interest:
Design or Physical Value

The pier was carefully constructed, originally in 1867, the same year that Canada came into being, completed on 15 November of that year, by local stonemasons Charles Lawrence and James Pearson, apparently for \$1,385. In 1875, a new bridge was constructed at the same location, though using the same pier. The new bridge design required that the pier be made taller. Subsequently, new bridges were constructed again on the pier in 1921, and in 2004. The most recent bridge project included a full restoration of the pier.

Historic files on the pier indicate that it is the tallest remaining 19th Century masonry pier in Ontario.

It is well designed and constructed with cut stone corners. The pier and bridge have become an icon of Elora, a landmark image that is surpassed in its popularity only perhaps by images of the gorge itself, or of the falls in Elora. From 1867 until the present, the image of this slender pier standing centrally in the deep Irvine Gorge has appealed to generations of photographers and painters.

Historical or Associative Value, Contextual Value

The pier is important simply as an elemental part of many, if not all, of the bridges that have spanned this gap. The creation of the first bridge at this location, in 1847, facilitated the settlement of the northern half of what became Pilkington Township, and it has remained an important transportation link ever since.

The County of Wellington Engineering Department noted, at the time of the 2004 reconstruction, that the design of the bridge (both the one removed in 2004 and its wider, and historically-sympathetic replacement), were a rare surviving example of an open-spandrel concrete arch bridge. The David Street Bridge is listed in the Ontario Heritage Bridge Program list of structures. An image of the bridge (and pier) is featured on the front cover of Discovering Heritage Bridges on Ontario Roads, (David Cuming, 1983).

The Grand River Conservation Authority produced a study in 2004 entitled Grand Old Bridges: The Grand River Watershed Bridge Inventory. The intent of this study was to document "bridges which have a significant heritage value and

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contribute to the Heritage River designation of the Grand, Speed, Eramosa, Conestogo and Nith Rivers'. The work was undertaken by Robinson Heritage Consulting. The David Street Bridge (and pier) was one of the seven bridges featured on the cover of this report, and was cited as "an excellent example of a significant bridge design and building, as well as a historical crossing all within a spectacular natural heritage setting" during Mr. Robinson's formal presentation of the study results to the Fourth Canadian River Heritage Conference in 2004.

Contextual Value

The pier continues to look essentially as it has since its construction, and sits in the Irvine Gorge as it always has. Photographs of the profile of the bridge taken a century ago look little changed from today's view, (especially as the County of Wellington took great pains in 2004 to construct the current bridge so that it closely resembled its predecessor).

Heritage Attributes to be protected:

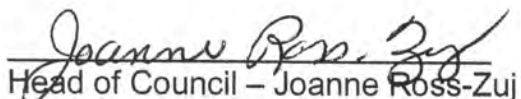
- All aspects of the original masonry stone pier.
3. This By-law shall be registered against the title of the lands described as Irvine River Bridge, David Street, Elora, (formerly in the Village of Elora), now in the Township of Centre Wellington.
 4. This By-law shall come into force and take effect upon its final passing.

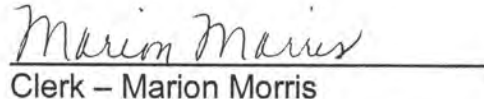
READ A FIRST AND SECOND TIME this 10th day of September, 2007


Head of Council – Joanne Ross-Zuj


Clerk – Marion Morris

READ A THIRD TIME AND PASSED this 10th day of September, 2007


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