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The Ontario Heritage Foundation
10 Adelaide Street East
Toronto, ON M5C 1J3

Dear Sir/Madam:

**Re: Ontario Heritage Act - Designating By-law
Designation of Property at:
Rotary Welcome Cairn - Russ Ramsay Way, Sault Ste. Marie
~~By-law 2005-160~~**

At its meeting on October 17, 2005 City Council passed By-law 2005-160. This by-law designates property known as the Rotary Welcome Cairn on Russ Ramsay Way as being a property of cultural heritage value and interest in the City of Sault Ste. Marie.

All matters to effect the designation under the Ontario Heritage Act have now been completed. Therefore, pursuant to Section 29 of the Act I am enclosing a certified registered copy of the document general containing By-law 2005-160 which was registered against the subject property in the Land Titles Office for the District of Algoma on January 31, 2006 as instrument LT-262536.

Yours truly,


Nuala M. Kenny
Assistant City Solicitor

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Enclosure

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THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF SAULT STE. MARIE

BY-LAW NO. 2005-160

HISTORIC SITES: (L.5.2.7.) A by-law to designate the Rotary Welcome Cairns situate at the head of Russ Ramsay Way (formerly Ferry Street) as being of cultural heritage value and interest.

WHEREAS Section 29 of the Ontario Heritage Act, R.S.O. 1990, c. 337 authorizes the Council of a municipality to enact by-laws to designate real property, including all buildings and structures thereon, to be of architectural or historic value or interest; and

WHEREAS the Council of the Corporation of the City of Sault Ste. Marie has caused to be served on the owners of the monuments known as the Rotary Welcome Cairns situate at the head of Russ Ramsay Way (formerly Ferry Street), the owner of the property and upon the Ontario Heritage Foundation, notice of intention to so designate the aforesaid real property and has caused such notice of intention to be published in the same newspaper having general circulation in the municipality for each of three consecutive weeks; and

WHEREAS no objections to the proposed designations have been served on the Clerk of the municipality;

THEREFORE the Council of the Corporation of the City of Sault Ste. Marie, pursuant to the Ontario Heritage Act ENACTS as follows:

1. **PROPERTY DESIGNATED**

There is designated as having cultural heritage value and interest the property known as the Rotary Welcome Cairns situate at the head of Russ Ramsay Way (formerly Ferry Street), of which is more particularly described on Schedule "A" attached to this by-law.

2. **HERITAGE DESIGNATION REPORT**

The Heritage Designation Report of the Sault Ste. Marie Municipal Heritage Committee dated January 4, 2005 and recommending that the Sault Ste. Marie Cenotaph be designated as a site of significant cultural heritage value and interest pursuant to Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act is attached as Schedule "B" to this by-law.

3. **SCHEDULES "A" AND "B"**


Schedules "A" and "B" hereto form part of this by-law.

4. **EFFECTIVE DATE**

This by-law takes effect on the date of its final passing.

READ THREE TIMES and PASSED in Open Council this 17th day of October, 2005.


MAYOR - JOHN ROWSWELL


DEPUTY CLERK - MALCOLM WHITE

I, Donna R. Irving, City Clerk of The Corporation of the City of Sault Ste. Marie, certify the foregoing to be a true and correct copy of the original document of which it purports to be a copy.

DATED at Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario, this

30 day of

DECEMBER, 2005

SCHEDULE "A" TO BY-LAW 2005-160

Rotary Welcome Cairns situate at Russ Ramsay Way (formerly Ferry Street)

Upon land situate in the City of Sault Ste. Marie, in the District of Algoma, and more particularly described as all of Russ Ramsay Way (formerly Ferry Street), Ferry "A" Subdivision, Plan 42430 being shown as Part 12 on Plan 1R-3723.

Sault Ste. Marie

Municipal Heritage Committee

A Report and Recommendation To The
Corporation Of The City Of Sault Ste. Marie That The

Rotary Welcome Cairns (1938)

Be Designated As A Significant Site Of Cultural Heritage Value And Interest Under Part IV Of
The Ontario Heritage Act



January 4, 2005
Prepared By: Kelly Marshall

Heritage Designation Report on the Rotary Welcome Cairns

LOCATION

Head of Russ Ramsay Way

West Pillar	X:	704,701.468
	Y:	5,153,962.583
East Pillar	X:	704,709.217
	Y:	5,153,951.881

REASON FOR DESIGNATION

The Rotary Welcome Cairns are not only architecturally significant with their red sandstone construction, but they remain a significant landmark with the City of Sault Ste. Marie. This original international gateway remains a historical reference to our original industrialized waterfront and should be protected for future generations.

DESCRIPTION OF HERITAGE ATTRIBUTES

The red sandstone, structural steel hangers, and the plaques commemorating the once spanning steel welcome arch are architecturally significant to the area. Red sandstone has been widely used in the City's most prominent buildings since the late 18 and early 1900's. The steel arch, which once spanned the roadway, symbolized our City's beginnings as a steel city empire in the late 19th century.

HISTORY OF ROTARY ARCH AND CAIRNS

Built in 1938, the Rotary Arch was the international gateway to our City and the district of Algoma. Built of red sandstone and steel, the two major symbols of our City at the time, it stood at the foot of Brock Street welcoming people coming off the ferry and into our City.

As a result of a city-wide contest, sponsored by the Rotary Club of Sault Ste. Marie, an arch was designed to span the road to the international ferry dock. The then Collegiate Institute's art teacher, Vivien Clayton chose the winner, John Arthur Luxton. John Arthur Luxton is also known as designing two other prominent symbols in the City, the original wolf logo for the Sault Star and the Algoma Steel's "A".

The design for the arch was to be of two sandstone cairns surmounted by streetlights. A steel arch was to be made to span the roadway between the two cairns, topped with a clock and beaver. The arch had the words "Sault Ste. Marie Algoma's Friendliest City". The "O" in Algoma was cut out and the symbol of the Rotary Club was suspended inside. The steel arch was ultimately designed and donated by Algoma Steel Inc. Other companies contributing to the building of the arch include:

Northern Foundry & Machine Shop
Sault Structural Steel Company
Lyons Fuel, hardware & Supplies
International Transit Company
Abitibi Pulp & Paper Company

Sinclair Investments Limited
District Services Limited
Algoma Central & Hudson Bay Railway
Thayer Lumber Company
A.B. MacLean & Sons

The arch became the most photographed tourist attraction and the highest selling postcard.

In 1964, when the International Bridge was completed and ferry service ceased, the steel arch was taken down, leaving the two stone cairns to stand alone. The Department of Highways (now Ministry of Transportation) could not permit the reassembly of the arch.

Today, all that remain are the two sandstone cairns, along with plaques telling its history and names of its designer and people who donated at its time of birth.

Even though the surroundings and street names have changed, the sandstone cairns have remained a landmark within our ever changing City. They still stand tall and proud at the head of what is now Russ Ramsay Way.



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Sault Ste. Marie Heritage Committee
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Attn: Ms. K. Marshall

Dear Ms. Marshall:

Further to your letter dated February 10th 2005 in regards to the Rotary Cairns on Russ Ramsay Way.

It has been discussed and approved by the board of directors of The Rotary Club of Sault Ste. Marie to support your application to have the Cairns designated as a historical site.

For many of the citizens of our city and tourists who at one time had to take the ferry while crossing the International Border the cairns were a welcoming site. The Rotary gates and the clock tower was a sign to travelers that Rotary welcomed to the city of Sault Ste Marie and the worldwide friendship of Rotary International.

It is also fitting with this designation that in Rotaries 100th anniversary that the towers still stand and remind us our past.

Yours In Rotary

Bryan Hogan

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Club Secretary

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