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IN THE MATTER OF THE ONTARIO HERITAGE ACT, 1974,
S. O. CHAPTER 122

AND IN THE MATTER OF THE LANDS AND PREMISES AT THE
FOLLOWING MUNICIPAL ADDRESSES IN THE PROVINCE OF
ONTARIO

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO DESIGNATE

To: Ontario Heritage Foundation,
77 Bloor Street West,
Toronto, Ontario,
M7A 2R9

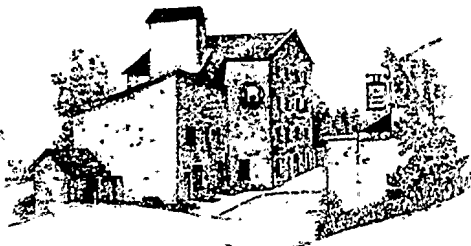
TAKE NOTICE that the Council of the Corporation of the Village of Elora intends to designate the properties, including lands and buildings, at the following municipal addresses as properties of architectural and/or historical value or interest under Part IV of The Ontario Heritage Act, 1974, S. O. Chapter 122

- (a) Victoria Street Bridge, Mill Property Lot 1, Plan 286 (Gilkinson's Plan), Township of Nichol, County of Wellington, Province of Ontario: This structure served as an integral part of the life of the Village of Elora for many generations. It was the only link between the two shores of the Grand River in the area. It is the second oldest bridge of its kind in the Province, originally built in 1871 of iron and wood with area limestone abutments. This structure should be made available for pedestrian traffic in order to allow visitors to walk from one side of the river to another, as well as serve as an observation area, enabling them to view local architecture and to paint and sketch the river, both up and downstream.
- (b) Armory Hall (presently LCBO retail store and Civic Works Department), Plan 181, Lots 1,2,3,4, N/W side Clyde Street, Township of Nichol, County of Wellington, Province of Ontario: This structure was originally used as a drill hall and meeting place for the community. It was originally built in 1865 and played a part as a headquarters for military training during the Fenian Raids. It is both historically and architecturally prominent and was one of the focal points of community life in the early days of the Village.

Notice of objection to the proposed designation, together with a statement of the reasons for the objection and all relevant facts may be served on the Clerk of the Village of Elora before the 27th day of May, 1983.

Dated at Elora
this 19th day of April, 1983.

Alex C. Hall
Deputy Reeve



April 11, 1983.

Council of the Village of Elora,
ELORA,
Ontario,
N0B 1S0.

Gentlemen:

RE: Victoria Street Bridge Designation

I am attaching a description of the above which gives you some detail on the bridge, its history, and significance.

The LACAC has approved this structure for recommendation to the Village for designation purposes. The Committee feels strongly that this structure should be preserved, not only for its historic background but also because it served as a significant part of the life of the Village for many generations as the only link between the two shores of the Grand River in the Village of Elora. It is reported to be the second oldest bridge of its kind in the Province, originally built of iron and wood with limestone abutments, in 1871.

This structure should be made available for pedestrian traffic in order to allow visitors to walk from one side of the river to another, as well as serve as an observation area, enabling them to view local architecture and to paint and sketch the river, both up and downstream.

The Committee recommends that a further engineering report be undertaken as a further development from the original study that was made, in order to determine the scope of the restoration plan. In the meantime, the structure should be designated as an initial step and from there, two or three appropriate bodies can be approached in order to determine the amount of financial support that might be available. These approaches will be simplified

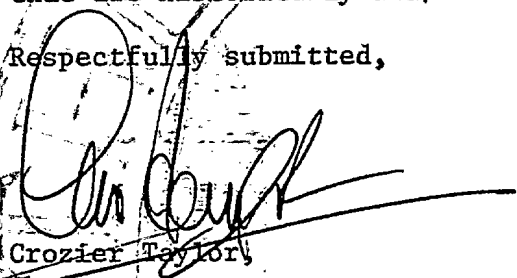
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according to the Ontario Heritage people, once the designation is in place and the recommendations of the engineers both structurally and cost-wise are determined.

The Committee would like to take this opportunity to congratulate the Council on its wise, realistic, and popular decision to approve and encourage the people of this community to select and preserve those structures that are historically and/or architecturally prominent.

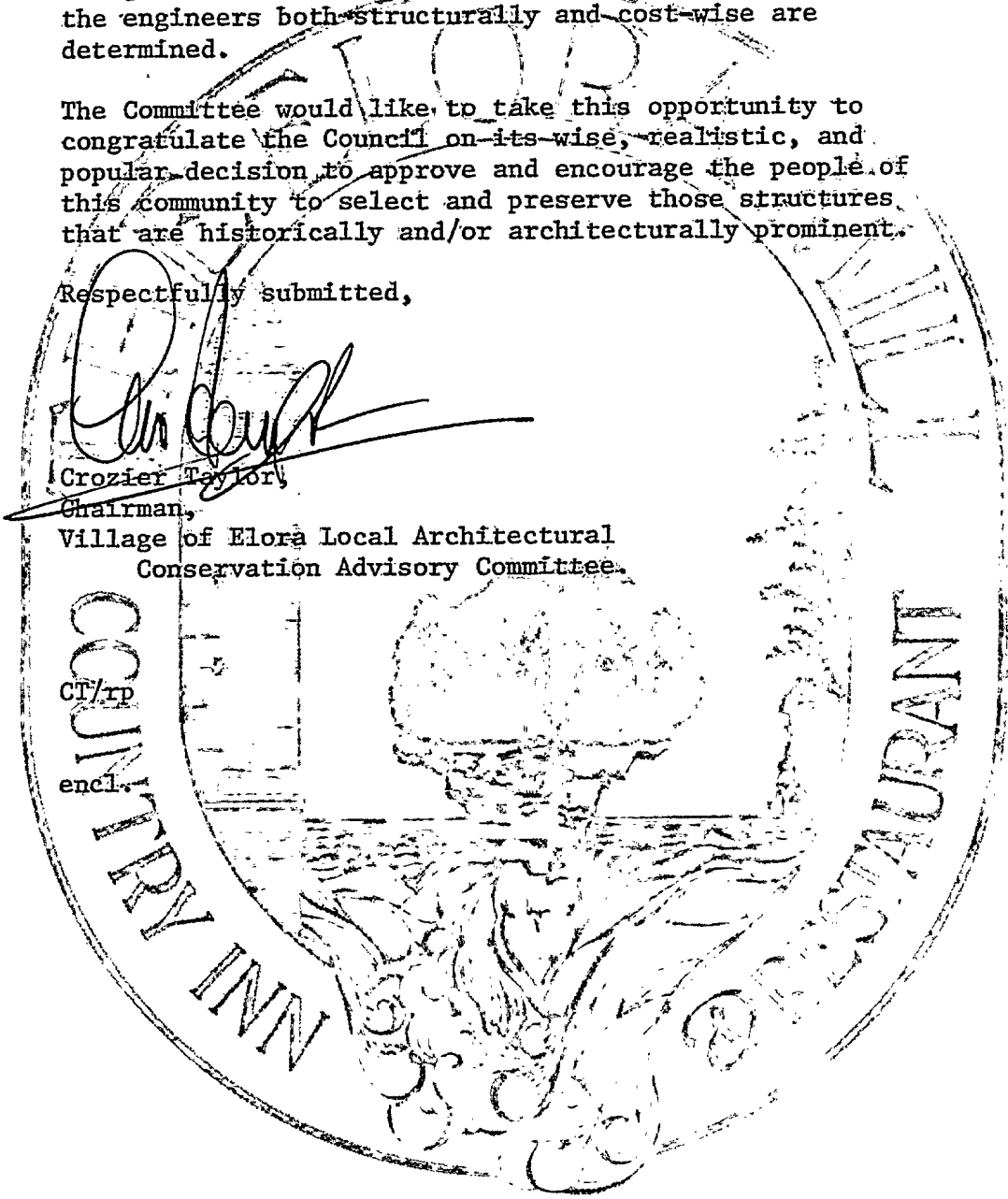
Respectfully submitted,


Crozier Taylor,
Chairman,

Village of Elora Local Architectural
Conservation Advisory Committee.

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VILLAGE OF ELORA LACAC BUILDING DESCRIPTION

DATED APRIL 11, 1983

I IDENTIFICATION

1. Building's present name/historic name VICTORIA STREET BRIDGE
2. Address MILL STREET, ELORA, ONTARIO
3. Plan and lot MILL PROPERTY LOT 1, PLAN 286 (Gilkinson's Plan)
4. Present owner(s)/use VILLAGE OF ELORA

II HISTORICAL DESCRIPTION

1. Date built OCTOBER 1871
2. Architect/builder(s) (a) DESIGNER - SPENCER - \$5.00 FOR PLANS
(b) BUILDERS: MASON - FLAKE - \$1962.00
WOODWORK AND IRONWORK - HALL - \$1600.00
(c) A.W. CAMER, "PLAN SHOWING NEW WOOD FLOOR FOR COUNTY OF
WELLINGTON, VICTORIA STREET BRIDGE, ELORA," 1918 DOWNSVIEW,
DEPARTMENT OF HIGHWAYS OF ONTARIO (MINISTRY OF TRANSPORTATION
AND COMMUNICATIONS).
(d) R. WAYNE, SON & McLEAN, "COUNTY OF WELLINGTON REPAIRS TO
VICTORIA STREET BRIDGE IN VILLAGE OF ELORA," 1934
DOWNSVIEW, DEPARTMENT OF HIGHWAYS OF ONTARIO (MINISTRY OF
TRANSPORTATION AND COMMUNICATIONS).
3. Original Owner/use VILLAGE OF ELORA BY DEBENTURE

III ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION

1. Relation between building and site/building and surrounding buildings
1. ARTERIAL LINK BETWEEN SOUTH AND NORTH SHORES OF GRAND RIVER

2. PAINTING AND DRAWING STATION FOR ARTISTS

3. PASSAGE TO AND FROM MUNICIPAL PARKING LOT

4. REFERENCE POINT FOR OBSERVING LOCAL ARCHITECTURE

2. Architectural style (if identifiable) PINNED, MULTI-SPAN,

WROUGHT-IRON, PONY TRUSS SUPERSTRUCTURE ON LIMESTONE

ABUTMENTS AND PIERS

3. Integrity (alterations/additions) GENUINE: ORIGINAL STRUCTURE

IV BUILDING THREAT

1. Condition NEEDS SOME REPAIR FOR PEDESTRIAN PURPOSES

2. Proposed changes FROM VEHICLE TO PEDESTRIAN PASSAGE

RETAIN HISTORIC FEATURES

3. Municipal controls PRESENTLY OWNED BY THE VILLAGE OF ELORA

V SOURCES OF INFORMATION

1. WELLINGTON COUNTY MUSEUM AND ARCHIVES, RECORDS AND RESEARCH

R.R. #1,
FERGUS, Ontario,
N1M 2W3.

2. MR. STEVE THORNING, HISTORIAN

ELORA, Ontario,
NOB 1S0.

3. HISTORIAL SOURCES FOR INFORMATION - HYPOTHETICAL eg. "BRIDGE
OPENED TO TRAFFIC," THE ELORA TIMES, 8 October 1871.

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