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City of Orillia

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OFFICE
OF THE
CLERK-ADMINISTRATOR

June 25, 1979.

REGISTERED

The Ontario Heritage Foundation,
77 Bloor Street West,
TORONTO, Ontario.
M7A 2R9.

Dear Sirs:

Re: City of Orillia Designating By-laws
1979-66, 1979-67, 1979-68

Please find enclosed the following:

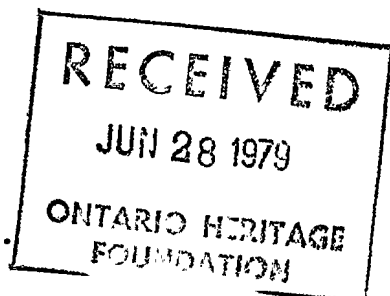
1. Copy of By-law Number 1979-66, A By-law to Designate the Wilmot House as being of Architectural and Historical Value or Interest, together with a copy of the Reasons for Designation.
2. Copy of By-law Number 1979-67, A By-law to Designate Central Public School as being of Architectural and Historical Value or Interest, together with a copy of the Reasons for Designation.
3. Copy of By-law Number 1979-68, A By-law to Designate the Couchiching Beach Park Bandstand as being of Architectural and Historical Value or Interest, together with a copy of the Reasons for Designation.

These documents are forwarded to you pursuant to The Ontario Heritage Act, 1974, Section 29(6).

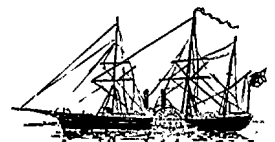
Yours truly,

Ronald J. Ellett,
Deputy Clerk.

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Encls.



CITY ON THE LAKES — BIRTHPLACE OF CENTRAL ONTARIO



BY-LAW NUMBER 1979-68 OF THE CITY OF ORILLIA

A BY-LAW TO DESIGNATE THE COUCHICHING BEACH PARK BANDSTAND AS BEING OF ARCHITECTURAL AND HISTORICAL VALUE OR INTEREST

WHEREAS the Ontario Heritage Act, 1974, authorizes the Council of a municipality to enact by-laws to designate real property, including all buildings and structures thereon, to be of architectural and historic value or interest;


AND WHEREAS the Council of the Corporation of the City of Orillia has caused to be served on the owners of the lands and premises known as the Couchiching Beach Park Bandstand 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 once for each of three consecutive weeks;

AND WHEREAS no notice of objection to the proposed designation has been served on the Clerk of the municipality.

NOW THEREFORE THE COUNCIL OF THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF ORILLIA HEREBY ENACTS AS FOLLOWS:

1. THAT the Couchiching Beach Park Bandstand, more particularly described in Schedule "A" attached hereto, be and it is hereby designated as being of architectural and historic value or interest.
2. THE Clerk is hereby authorized to cause a copy of this by-law to be registered against the property described in Schedule "A" attached hereto in the Registry Office for the division of Simcoe.
3. THE Clerk is hereby authorized to cause a copy of this by-law to be served upon the owner of the aforesaid property and on the Ontario Heritage Foundation and to cause notice of the passing of this by-law to be published in the same newspaper having general circulation in the municipality once for each of three consecutive weeks.

BY-LAW read a first, second and third time and finally passed this 14th day of May A.D. 1979.


MAYOR


DEPUTY CLERK

SCHEDULE "A" TO BY-LAW NUMBER 1979-68 OF THE CITY OF ORILLIA

ALL AND SINGULAR that certain parcel or tract of land and premises situate, lying and being in the City of Orillia in the County of Simcoe and being composed of Part Lots 21 and 22 in Couchiching Park, as shown on a plan registered in the Registry Division for the County of Simcoe as Plan Number 8 and is more particularly shown outlined in red on the attached plan of survey.

IN THE MATTER OF The Ontario
Heritage Act, 1974

and

IN THE MATTER OF By-law Number
1979-68 , a by-law to designate
certain property pursuant to the
Act.

REASONS FOR DESIGNATION

COUCHICHING BEACH PARK BANDSTAND

HISTORY

In Orillia at the turn of the century, band concerts were the most popular form of entertainment. In 1909, Orillia's Town Council approved the building of a proper facility for the Orillia Citizens Band (Kiltie Band). The gazebo-like structure is located in a picturesque spot between the Champlain Monument and the shore of Lake Couchiching. Orillians recall enjoying band concerts both from within the park and in small boats anchored offshore. Apart from musical entertainment, the building was also used as a platform for dignitaries at various ceremonies and important occasions. Through the years, the ground floor has served as storage space for band and park equipment, a park superintendent's office, and as a booth for the sale of souvenirs and cruise boat tickets. At present the lower floor is unused, and only occasionally does the bandstand host a concert.

Octagonal in shape, the structure was designed by W. H. Croker, and built by W. L. Bennett at a cost of \$495.00 to the Town of Orillia. The wood frame structure sits on a concrete foundation, and each wall measures eight feet, six inches in width. The lower story, entirely sheathed in wood shingles, has a structural opening in each facade. The windows are oval in shape, but the glass has been removed and replaced with wood. During the 1960's one window was removed and a large rectangular opening put in its place to be used as a counter for the sale of souvenirs. The upper story is completely open and consists of a turned wood railing and eight round columns which support the bell shaped roof, which is also sheathed in wood shingles. The ceiling has a curious inverted conical shape and is built of narrow tongue and groove boards. The decorative use of wood includes a decorated frieze around the cornice, and a plain wood finial at the roof peak which has at sometime replaced a more ornate one.

By 1928, the Bandstand could not comfortably accomodate the bandmembers, instruments, music stands, and chairs, and so the Town Council approved extending the second floor and roof by three feet all around, at a cost of \$400.00. Below the overhang of the new second floor, ornamental wood brackets have been placed at each of the eight corners. This alternation has been done in such a way as to make it almost impossible to determine that the bandstand wasn't always as it appears today.

ARCHITECTURAL FEATURES

1. wood shingles on roof and walls
2. wooden columns and railing, framework and infill of ceiling
3. wood trim and support brackets at eaves
4. oval windows