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City of Orillia

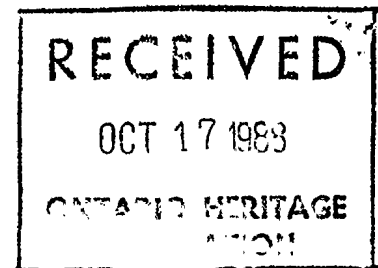
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OFFICE
OF THE
CLERK-ADMINISTRATOR

September 23, 1988

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The Ontario Heritage Foundation
77 Bloor Street
TORONTO, Ontario
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Dear Sirs:

Re: City of Orillia Designating By-law 1988-110

Please find enclosed the following:

1. Copy of By-law Number 1988-110, a By-law to designate the Couchiching Park Pavilion 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, R.S.O. 1980, Chapter 337, Section 29(6).

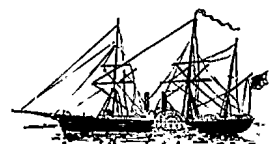
Yours truly,

for Ronald J. Ellett, A.M.C.T.
Deputy Clerk

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Encl.



CITY ON THE LAKES - BIRTHPLACE OF CENTRAL ONTARIO



BY-LAW NUMBER 1988-110 OF THE CITY OF ORILLIA

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

WHEREAS the Ontario Heritage Act, R.S.O. 1980, Chapter 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 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 Picnic Pavilion in Couchiching Beach Park 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 Picnic Pavilion in Couchiching Beach Park, 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 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 27th day of June

A.D. 1988.


MAYOR


~~DEPUTY~~ CLERK

SCHEDULE "A" TO BY-LAW NUMBER 1988-110 OF THE CITY OF ORILLIA

Part of Water Lot in Lake Couchiching opposite Lot 8, Concession 5,
City of Orillia (formerly Township of Orillia, Southern Division)
County of Simcoe designated as Part 1, Plan 51R-17309.

IN THE MATTER OF The Ontario
Heritage Act, R.S.O. 1980,
Chapter 337

- and -

IN THE MATTER OF By-law Number
1988-110, a by-law to designate
certain property pursuant to
the Act.

REASONS FOR DESIGNATION

COUCHICHIING PARK PAVILION

HISTORY

The pavilion by the wharf in Couchiching Beach Park has graced the shoreline for approximately 80 years.

Summer visitors came from far and wide by train and by steamer in the early years as picnics were popular and various parties - most often church groups - travelled to Orillia for these occasions. Shelter from the rain or the heat of the sun was provided in style by this lovely building.

The pavilion once extended out into the water when the shoreline reached only as far as the present row of willow trees.

The similarity in design to the bandstand, the work of W. H. Croker, suggests that Mr. Croker designed this beautiful structure as well. This gentleman was a notable Orillia architect of that era who has many other buildings to his credit.

The picnic pavilion in Couchiching Beach Park not only enhances this City's finest park but is a visible reminder of a social custom of earlier times once commonly enjoyed.

ARCHITECTURAL FEATURES

This elegant lakeside pavilion graces the shore of Lake Couchiching and serves well as a park picnic shelter. The pavilion was originally accessible by a small bridge from the shore. Over the years, however, after the park was extended towards the water the structure is now surrounded by earth on the internal three sides and a boardwalk on the water side.

Originally the pavilion had a wooden railing, with wooden pickets between top and bottom rails, on all sides with only an opening for the bridge from the shore. This railing has been removed.

The columns, formerly a coherent structural post, proved structurally unsound, have been set in concrete bases and a concrete slab.

The notable features of the building are listed below.

STRUCTURAL SYSTEM

The building is a wood truss roof system simply supported on turned wood columns. The column bases have been replaced by triangulated concrete pads and set in a concrete slab. The main roof structure consists of a scissor truss bearing upon the columns and additional stability is achieved through a series of tension rods hung from the ridge plate. From each end of the rectangular plan an equal sided trapezoidal plan projects. The trusses for these sections radiate from the end ridge point and, significantly, from the end tension rod. The complexity of these sections are quite interesting visually.

FINISHES

The columns are simple turned wood with the capital and subtle entasis of the Doric column. Bracing the columns to both the perimeter soffit and scissor truss are a consistent set of decorative turned wood tracery elements. As a visual continuation of the internal roof truss externally decorative tracery of simple pattern support the roof overhang. The original wood shingles have been replaced with asphalt shingles. All of these combined with the gentle curve of the roof add to the picturesque quality of this lakeside pavilion.