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June 28, 1982

The Ontario Heritage Foundation,
7th Floor,
77 Bloor St. West,
Toronto, Ontario.
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Attention: Katherine Rowcliffe,
Public Relations Officer

Dear Mrs. Rowcliffe:

Re: Severn River Inn Designation
Under the Ontario Heritage Act

Enclosed please find a certified copy of by-law No. 82-48 which was registered on the 23rd day of June, 1982, in the Registry Division of Muskoka.

This successfully completes the designation and if you have any further questions, please contact the undersigned.

Yours very truly,

John R. McColl, A.M.C.T.,
Clerk-Administrator.

JRM:dd
Enclosure

c.c. Mr. Ross Raymond
Mrs. Sylvia Purdon

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF GRAVENHURST

BY-LAW NO. 82-48

Being a By-Law to designate the Severn River Inn under the Ontario Heritage Act.

Pursuant to the Ontario Heritage Act, Chapter 337 R.S.O., Council may designate buildings of Architectural and Historical importance.

WHEREAS the Local Architectural Conservation Advisory Committee has recommended to Council the designation of the Severn River Inn on Lot 1 E.M.R. and was accepted the 22nd day of February, 1982.

AND WHEREAS the intention to designation was advertised commencing on the 3rd day of March, 1982 in accordance with the Ontario Heritage Act for three successive weeks,

AND WHEREAS the present owners is desirous of; and agree to; the designation of their property.

AND WHEREAS no notice of objection was served on the Clerk of the Municipality,

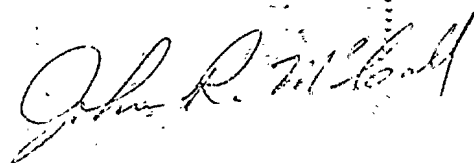
NOW THEREFORE THE COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF GRAVENHURST HEREBY ENACTS AS FOLLOWS:

- (1) That the Severn River Inn on Lot 1 E.M.R. Township of Morrison now in the Town of Gravenhurst is hereby designated of Architectural and historical importance for the reasons attached hereto in Schedule "A".
- (2) The Municipal Solicitor is hereby authorized to cause a copy of this by-law to be registered against the property described in Schedule A hereto in the property land registry office.
- (3) The Clerk is hereby authorized to cause a copy of this by-law to be served on 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.

READ A FIRST, SECOND AND THIRD time and finally passed this 10th day of May, 1982.


MAYOR


CLERK-ADMINISTRATOR



SCHEDULE "A"

Severn River Inn

Reasons to be Registered together with Designating By-Law

- 1858: James H. Jackson, an English settler, pioneered at the site of the Inn and built a log cabin close to it, beside the river-log cabin apparently evolved into a small general store for settlers
- 1861: Store became Muskoka's first post office as of Jan. 1st, with J.H. Jackson acting as postmaster
- 1894: James H. Jackson died, son James H. Jackson ll continued with store (now a white frame building on the site of the present Severn River Inn, containing the post office and telephone exchange)
James H. Jackson ll seems to have entered the hostelry business, by erecting a white frame tourist house behind the store near the river
- 1906: Fire destroyed much of north Severn Bridge, including both of Jackson's buildings
- 1907: Present brick building erected on site of old store by Joseph W. Jackson, brother of J.H. Jackson ll, was used as store, post office, telephone exchange, and boarding house for tourists and others
- 1943: Hotel sold to Arthur Fawcett, who continued to run a store, hotel, and telephone exchange, - was also postmaster
- 1972: Hotel sold to Jan F. Kreutzer of Gravenhurst
- 1974: Hotel sold to Jim Russell of Gravenhurst, who turned it into a pub (store closed earlier by Art Fawcett)
- 1981: Hotel sold to J. Ross Raymond

Architecturally, the Inn is a significant example of the early Muskoka store and Inn construction. Its exterior features a store front facade of two six-paned windows, with round arched wooden windows throughout the building. A number of these windows still retain a special etched glass in the upper portion of the pane. Originally, a pillared verandah existed on six sides of the T-shaped building, with a small railed private balcony over the verandah. In the interior, the original vertical four inch tongue and groove V-joint wall panelling still exists, along with the sculptured six inch pine trim. The parlour is distinguished by a sculptured pine archway and pillars.