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CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF MISSISSIPPI MILLS

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March 26, 2014

Ontario Heritage Trust
10 Adelaide Street East
Toronto, ON
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Dear Sir/Madam:

**Re: Heritage Designation of Thoburn Mill, 83 Little Bridge Street,
Town of Mississippi Mills**

Please be advised that the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Mississippi Mills passed the attached By-Law on March 18, 2014 re: Heritage Designation for Thoburn Mill.

I have also included the Notice of Passing for your information, which will be advertised in the Canadian Gazette on April 3, 2014.

I trust this is satisfactory.

Yours truly,

Stephen Stirling, MCIP, RPP
Town Planner

Encl.

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF MISSISSIPPI MILLS

BY-LAW NO. 14-18

BEING a by-law to designate the premises known as Thoburn Mill, 83 Little Bridge Street, Almonte, as being of architectural and historical value and interest.

WHEREAS the Ontario Heritage Foundation Act, R.S.O. 1990, Chapter 0.18, authorizes the Council of a Municipality to enact by-laws to designate real property, including all buildings and structures thereon to be of architectural value or interest; and

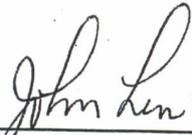
AND WHEREAS the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Mississippi Mills has caused to be served on the owners of the dwelling situated at 83 Little Bridge Street, Town of Mississippi Mills and upon the Ontario Heritage Foundation notice of intention to so designate the aforesaid real property and have caused such notice of intention to so designate, to be published in the same newspaper having general circulation in the Municipality; and

WHEREAS no notice of objection to the proposed designation has been served on the Clerk of the Municipality;

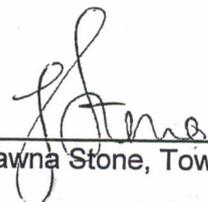
THEREFORE the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Mississippi Mills enacts as follows:

1. ~~There is designated as being of architectural and historical value and interest, the real property known as 83 Little Bridge Street, Town of Mississippi Mills.~~
2. The Municipal Solicitor is hereby authorized to cause a copy of the By-Law to be registered against the property described, in the proper Land Registry Office.
3. The Clerk is hereby authorized to cause a copy of this By-Law to be served upon the owner of the property and upon the Ontario Heritage Foundation and to cause a notice of the By-Law to be published in the same newspaper having general circulation in the Municipality.
4. That Schedule 'A' hereto attached shall form part of this By-Law.
5. This By-law shall come into force and take effect on the date of its passing.

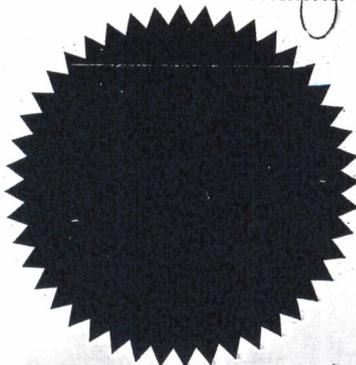
BY-LAW READ, passed, signed and sealed in open Council this 18th day of March, 2014.



John Levi, Mayor



Shawna Stone, Town Clerk



SCHEDULE 'A' TO BY-LAW 14-18

Thoburn Mill (Brown Mill)
83 Little Bridge Street, Almonte

SHORT STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR PROPOSED DESIGNATION

This building has a rich mix of architectural features and styles that reveal its varied past. Most notable is the waterfront site itself, the large windows, and the large glassed in terrace and stairwell. Another interesting feature is the presence of large white lettering along the former rail bridge reading "W^M THOBURN'S WOOLEN MILLS"

HISTORY

John MacIntosh's woolen factory, built in 1862, was the original mill building on this site. This was a large frame building on the upper falls. A devastating fire in 1875 meant that the building had to be entirely rebuilt. It stood vacant in 1879 before Sheard and Thoburn bought it and began to make flannel there. The huge downtown fire of 1909 destroyed the upper stories of the mill yet again. An addition was built in 1913 that doubled the capacity of the mill's operations. Another fire in 1918 destroyed the mill completely. It was subsequently rebuilt and reopened in 1919. New power equipment and a new water wheel were installed in 1925.

Modern renovations began in 2000 and were completed in 2009. The modern building has seen drastic renovations that have altered the building in some ways while maintaining many heritage features.

ARCHITECTURE

Three stories. Two at street side, three at river side with a basement. Bottom floor clad in limestone blocks, upper two are brick. 6 over 6 windows on all stories. Shallow pitch steel roof on main building.

SITE

The Thoburn Mill (previously known as the Brown Mill) has had a long and interesting history that involves key figures and events. It is second only to the Rosamond No. 1 Mill in importance to Almonte's textile industry. Its location along the banks of the Mississippi made it an ideal place to harness the water's power. In 1956 woolen operations ceased and the mill was bought from Jamieson by the Hodgins brothers. They then sold to Irving-Harding Ltd who intended to produce steel culverts there. The modern building has had many different uses from business centre to antique dealership to computer manufacture and now condominiums as well. The Thoburn Mill continues to play a rich part in the Town's life.