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NOTICE OF INTENT TO DESIGNATE AS A HERITAGE PROPERTY BY THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF MISSISSIPPI MILLS

TAKE NOTICE that the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Mississippi Mills intends to designate the property, including the lands at the following municipal address as property of cultural heritage value and interest under Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act, R.S.O. 1990, c. 0.18 as amended 2005:

Millworkers Sidewalk

An unopened road allowance (between 102 and 114 Union Street North)
originally identified as Bank Street (Plan 6262), Mississippi Mills, Ontario

REASON FOR DESIGNATION OF MILLWORKERS SIDEWALK, MISSISSIPPI MILLS, ONTARIO**Statement of Cultural Heritage Value or Interest**

The sidewalk would have given workers who lived east of Union Street (in the area known locally as Irish Town) a quicker walk to and from work. As millworkers generally went home for their mid-day meal (dinner) from 12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m., the sidewalk and steps would have given them extra time for their meal and cutting their total travelling time to and from work by some 40 minutes per day.

The building of the sidewalk (presumably by the town) and the construction of the steps illustrates how the Town and the Mill might have cooperated on a project that would assist the millworkers. That the sidewalk was still being used by some millworkers in the latter part of the 1960s attests to its long-term value.

The sidewalk acts as a physical reminder of Almonte as a millworkers' town, and connects an area of the town where many of the workers and their families lived with the Rosamond Mill, the town's largest employer for over a century. It gives people of today an opportunity to reflect on one aspect of the routine life of a millworker in the first half of the 20th century.

Description of Heritage Attributes

This sidewalk was built in order to provide a more direct route for millworkers to get to the Rosamond No. 1 mill located on Coleman's Island. This "millworkers' sidewalk" ran from Union Street to the easement for the railway tracks. At present the exposed part of the sidewalk is at the end closest to the embankment. At the top of the embankment, workers would have had to cross the railway tracks and descend the slope in order to cross over the two dams on the north channel of the Mississippi River before reaching Embankment Street and the gate into the mill.

The date of construction of the sidewalk has not been determined. Concrete was not available until the late 1800s. It would presumably have been a fair time later that concrete was first used in Almonte. Long-time residents of Almonte have only been able to say that the sidewalk and steps were there for as long as they can remember. As a rough guess, the sidewalk might have been built sometime around the end of the First World War or in the 1920s. It may be relevant, or simply coincidental that in 1919 the Rosamond Woolen Company bought the four lots on the south side of Bank Street, the same side that the sidewalk is situated.

People who lived adjacent to the millworkers' sidewalk and steps remember some workers using them in the mid to latter 1960s.

Please be advised that the full cultural heritage reports for the Millworkers Sidewalk can be reviewed in the Town of Mississippi Mills Planning Department during regular business hours between 8:30am and 4:30pm from Monday to Friday.

TAKE NOTICE that any person may, before March 1st, 2012 send by registered mail or deliver to the Clerk of the Town of Mississippi Mills, notice of his or her objection to the proposed designation together with a statement of reasons for the objection and all relevant facts. If such a notice of objection is received, the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Mississippi Mills will refer the matter to the Conservation Review Board for a hearing.

DATED at the Town of Mississippi Mills this 27th day of January, 2012.

Shawna Stone
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Town of Mississippi Mills
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Location of Millworkers Sidewalk

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Legend

- +— Railway
- Municipal Boundary
- Ward Boundary
- Hamlet Boundary
- - - Lot Line
- Provincial
- - - County
- Municipal (Maintained YES)
- Municipal (Maintained NO)
- - - Private
- - - Future
- Stream / Creek
- Parcel Linework
- Subdivisions
- New Lots
- Crown Land
- Unopened ROW
- Open ROW
- Railway ROW
- OTHER PARCELS
- MISSISSIPPI MILLS TOWN
- Buffer
- Water Body



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