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THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF HUNTSVILLE

BY-LAW NUMBER 85-66

A By-Law to Designate the Property known Municipally as The Huntsville Town Hall, 37 Main Street East, Huntsville, as being of Architectural and Historical value or interest.

WHEREAS Section 29 of 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 or historic value or interest; and

WHEREAS the Council of The Corporation of the Town of Huntsville has caused to be served on the owners of the lands and premises known as 'The Huntsville Town Hall' at 37 Main Street, East, Huntsville, Ontario 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;

THEREFORE the Council of The Corporation of the Town of Huntsville enacts as follows:

- 1) There is designated as being of architectural and historical value or interest the real property known as 'The Huntsville Town Hall' at 37 Main Street East, Huntsville, Ontario, more particularly described in Schedule A hereto.
- 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 proper 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 three consecutive weeks.

READ a first time this 28th day of October A.D., 1985.

Gordon Snell
MAYOR

Edward H. Hares
CLERK/ADMINISTRATOR

READ a second and third time and finally passed this 28th day of October A.D., 1985.

Gordon Snell
MAYOR

Edward H. Hares
CLERK/ADMINISTRATOR

SCHEDULE "A"

THE HUNTSVILLE TOWN HALL, 37 MAIN STREET, EAST, HUNTSVILLE Plan 1, Part Lot A, Town of Huntsville

The Huntsville Town Hall, with its unique eight-sided wooded clock tower, is a landmark building within the Town.

The Town Hall is prominently placed above and back from the Main Street to emphasize its importance. The height and mass of the two storey red brick building fits into the scale of the downtown area.

The Town Hall is the only Classical Revival style administrative buildings in Muskoka. It is rectangularly shaped, with a central bay supporting the clock tower in the principal north elevation. The building has a flat roof with a brick parapet and wooden cornices. There is a high brick basement with a contrasting belt course between the basement and the first floor.

The principal entrance in the centre of the north elevation is reached by a broad staircase. Pilasters supporting a pediment surround the double doors and transom light. A large palladium window with its original sash, sits above the entrance. The remaining windows are symmetrical about the central entrance bay. The masonry openings of the windows are original, but the wood windows have been replaced.

The east and west elevations have equally spaced windows at the basement, first and second floors. There is a full height brick pilaster between each window and fine brick detailing is above the first floor windows.

The unique eight-sided wooden clock tower, which came from the old Union Station in Toronto, is the principle feature of the Town Hall. Its eight sided metal roof supports a flagpole. In each of the large four sides of the brick base, defined by decorative wooden soffits, cornices and trim, is a window. Above these windows are the four (4) clock faces, divided by a narrow segment of the octagon, containing another window.

This handsome building was designed by Architects, Ellis and Belfry of Toronto. It was built in 1926 on land purchased from the Methodist Church in 1914. In an uncommon agreement, the Town and the Federal Department of Public Works were both involved in its financing. The Federal Departments of the Post Office, Custom and Excise, and National Defense shared the building with the municipality of Huntsville. Originally, the basement was used as the Armouries, with the Post Office on the west side of the main floor, and the Town use its section as Municipal Offices, court room, jail and fire hall. The 3rd floor contains an auditorium (remodelled in the Art Deco Style in 1980).

In 1955 the Post Office moved to its new building. With the inception of Regional Government in 1971, major renovations were done to the interior of the building, and in 1975, part of the basement was taken over by Club 55, the Senior Citizens group. In 1980, new front steps and light standards were added. Huntsville's Town Hall still maintains its multi uses, and handsomely enhances the Main Street.
