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IN THE MATTER OF THE ONTARIO HERITAGE ACT, R.S.O. 1990, CHAPTER 0.18, AS AMENDED, AND IN THE MATTER OF THE LANDS AND PREMISES AT THE FOLLOWING MUNICIPAL ADDRESS IN THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO DESIGNATE

TAKE NOTICE that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Lake of Bays intends to designate the following municipal address as being of cultural heritage value or interest under Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act, R.S.O. 1990, Chapter 0.18, as amended.

1200 DWIGHT BEACH ROAD

Description of Property

Alderside is located on Dwight Beach Road surrounded by Stewart family cottages in the village of Dwight.

Statement of Cultural Heritage Value or Interest

Alderside began as a small log cabin built by the founder of Dwight, Edmund J. Gouldie, in 1881. The cabin was sold to one of the original settlers of Dwight, Reverend William Alexander (W.A.) Stewart in 1883 upon his arrival to the developing town. Reverend W.A. Stewart became Dwight's first Baptist minister and founder of Dwight's first church, the landmark Stewart Memorial Church. The cultural heritage value of Alderside is associated with the importance of Reverend W.A. Stewart and his family in the development of the community and church.

Alderside is representative of the early vernacular style of construction used during the settlement of Lake of Bays and the many communities that developed around the lake. The original log cabin was readapted in the 1890's and in 1906 with a veranda and additional rooms to accommodate the growing family and their guests.

The family cottage contributes to the understanding of the early settlement of Dwight as it holds many original pieces of furniture and family items that provide examples of life as it was over a hundred years ago. Alderside remains in the Stewart family in essentially the same state as it was in 1906. The cottage is a focal point of the family properties as it is rich in history and associative meaning for both the Stewart family and the community of Dwight.

Description of Heritage Attributes

- Interior Features:
 - ✓ Original hardwood floors throughout;
 - ✓ Built in bookcases added in the 1890's that replaced the original cabin windows;
 - ✓ The outline of the middle room is that of the original log cabin built in 1881;
 - ✓ Non-load bearing walls on the second storey constructed of unfinished groove and tongue pine planking set vertically;
 - ✓ Tongue and groove plank ceilings in the second story and front room;
 - ✓ Original unfinished ceiling in the center room with open floor joists visible;
 - ✓ Handcrafted stone fireplace built by William Blackwell;
 - ✓ Handcrafted second fireplace in the centre room was added in the 1920's also built by William Blackwell;
 - ✓ Authentic Victorian style furniture including chairs, tables, benches, desks, beds and dressers;
 - ✓ The bed in the main floor bedroom is an example of Renaissance Revival furniture that features intricate designs carved into the massive dark wood headboard and footboard, roughly dating back to 1860-1885;

- ✓ Historical Stewart family items such as flat top and dome top trunks, fabric wall hangings, matchstick holders, books and chamber pots.
- Exterior Features:
 - ✓ Two storey cottage with gable-roofing peaked over second storey windows;
 - ✓ Original cedar shake siding stained green;
 - ✓ Veranda built in 1889 at the front of the cottage supported by beams and concrete blocks;
 - ✓ Shed-roofed dormitory that was originally a lean-to against the east end of the log cabin built in 1890 that is the oldest extant part of the structure;
 - ✓ Handcrafted stone chimney;
 - ✓ Multi-paned awning windows with original glass;
 - ✓ Original wooden doors;
 - ✓ Wood fence original to the cottage for the purpose of keeping cattle off the front lawn;
 - ✓ Complimentary boathouse across Dwight Beach Road on Lake of Bays with the same green stained cedar shake siding.

Objections to the proposed designation must be received by the Clerk of the Township of Lake of Bays by Registered Mail or hand-delivered together with a statement of the reasons for the objection and all relevant facts, not later than **4:00 p.m.** on the **1st** day of **October 2010**. Objections will be referred to the Conservation Review Board for a hearing and report.

Michelle Percival, Clerk,
1012 Dwight Beach Road,
Dwight, Ontario P0A 1H0

For further information please contact:
Carrie Sykes, (705) 635-2272, ext 236
Or at csykes@lakeofbays.on.ca

As well, please be advised that a short-form copy of the Notice will be published in the September 1st, 2010 and September 8th, 2010 editions of the Huntsville Forester newspaper and a formal copy of the Notice will be posted at the following sites:

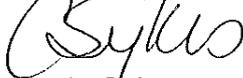
- Township website at www.lakeofbays.on.ca/public_notices.htm;
- Dwight library and
- Dwight Coffee Shop.

Council intends to pass the Heritage Designation By-law, after 30 days from publication of the notice, at the October 12th, 2010 Council meeting.

I trust this submission to be satisfactory.

Should you have any questions or concerns please don't hesitate to contact me at csykes@lakeofbays.on.ca or by phone at (705) 635-2272, ext. 236.

Yours truly,



Carrie Sykes
Deputy Clerk

Enclosure(s)