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TILBURY, ONTARIO
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IN THE MATTER OF THE ONTARIO HERITAGE ACT, 1974, S. O. CHAPTER 122

AND IN THE MATTER OF THE LANDS AND PREMISES AT THE FOLLOWING MUNICIPAL ADDRESS IN THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO DESIGNATE

To: Ontario Heritage Foundation
77 Bloor Street West
Toronto, Ontario M7A 2R9

TAKE NOTICE that the council of the Corporation of the Town of Tilbury intends to designate part of the property known municipally as The Tilbury Northside Conservation Area, Queen Street North, as a property of historical value or interest under Part IV of The Ontario Heritage Act, 1974, S. O. Chapter 122.

Reasons for Proposed Designation
Tilbury Dashwheel

The original wooden Tilbury Dashwheel was put into operation in 1887. The dashwheel was located on Baptiste Creek, two miles north-east of the Town of Tilbury as part of the Forbes Drainage System. This dashwheel was used to reclaim some five thousand acres of marsh which then became a rich, productive farmland and has contributed greatly to the economy of the Tilbury area.

In 1903 the original dashwheel was replaced by the present dashwheel built of cast-iron, steel and wood. The wheel measures twenty-eight (28) feet in diameter and stands sixteen (16) feet in height. The wheel was assembled by means of riveted connections between the struts and frame. The steel driveshaft measuring six (6) inches in diameter was powered by steam turbine engine located in the adjacent driveshed. The blades of the dashwheel were constructed of wood.

A committee comprised of local citizen groups decided to have the dashwheel and its associated mechanical components relocated to the Tilbury Northside Conservation Area.

The original Tilbury Dashwheel location marks the first site of its use in Canada. This dashwheel is the only one remaining in south-west Ontario. The Council of the Town of Tilbury considers that due to the historical significance of the dashwheel, it be preserved for future generations.

Notice of objection to the proposed designation, together with a statement of the reasons for the objection and all relevant facts may be served on the Clerk of the Town of Tilbury before the 27th day of July, 1984.

Dated at Tilbury, Ontario this 27th day of June, 1984.

F.R. Reycraft
(clerk)