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# Owen Sound

June 28, 2012

ONTARIO HERITAGE TRUST

JUL 03 2012



Ontario Heritage Trust  
10 Adelaide Street East  
TORONTO ON M5C 1J3

Dear Sir/Madam:

**Re: Notice of Designation of Heritage Property – Harrison Park – 75 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue East**

Please be advised that the Notice of Intention to Designate respecting the above noted property was forwarded to the Ontario Heritage Trust on May 18, 2012 and published in the local newspaper on the same date. The appeal period ended June 18, 2012 and no objections were received within the 30-day appeal period. Subsequently, at their meeting of June 25, 2012, City Council passed the following By-law:

By-law No. 2012-103, "A By-law to Designate Property Known as Harrison Park Located at 75 2nd Avenue East as Being of Cultural Heritage Value or Interest Under Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act, R.S.O. 1990, Chapter 0.18, Paragraph 29"

Enclosed for your files is a copy of By-law No. 2012-103 which has been forwarded to the City Solicitor who will register the property on title as a heritage property. We will advise your office once the registration has been completed. Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Kristen M. Van Alphen'.

Kristen M. Van Alphen, B.A. (Hons), LL.B., M.P.A.,  
City Clerk  
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Attachment

c: Sandra Parks, Heritage Co-ordinator

**BY-LAW NO. 2012-103**

**THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF OWEN SOUND**

**A BY-LAW TO DESIGNATE PROPERTY KNOWN AS HARRISON PARK LOCATED AT 75 SECOND AVENUE EAST AS BEING OF CULTURAL HERITAGE VALUE OR INTEREST UNDER PART IV OF THE ONTARIO HERITAGE ACT, R.S.O. 1990, CHAPTER 0.18, PARAGRAPH 29**

WHEREAS Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act, R.S.O. 1990, Chapter 0.18, Paragraph 29 authorizes the Council of a municipality to enact By-Laws to designate real property, including all buildings and structures thereon, to be of cultural heritage value or interest; and

WHEREAS it has been requested by the owners of Harrison Park located at 75 Second Avenue East and the Community Planning & Heritage Advisory Committee that the said property be designated for cultural heritage value or interest; and

WHEREAS the Council of The Corporation of the City of Owen Sound has caused to be served on the owners of the lands and premises known as 75 Second Avenue East in the City of Owen Sound and upon the Ontario Heritage Trust, notice of intention to so designate the said property and has caused such notice of intention to be published in a 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;

NOW THEREFORE THE COUNCIL OF THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF OWEN SOUND HEREBY ENACTS AS FOLLOWS:

1. Property known as Harrison Park is designated as being of cultural heritage value or interest, said property being situated municipally at 75 Second Avenue East in the City of Owen Sound, more particularly described as:

PT PARKLT 1-4 RANGE 2 WGR PL OWEN SOUND; PT LT 13-14 CON 1 DERBY; PT LT 14 CON 2 DERBY PT 1, 2 & 3, 16R6263 & AS IN DY5610 EXCEPT LT 32 TO 44 PL 828; BLK A, B, C PL 957; ELK C PL 616 OWEN SOUND; LT 39 E OF POULETT ST, 40 E OF POULETT ST, 41 E OF POULETT ST, 42 E OF POULETT ST, 43 E OF POULETT ST, 44 E OF POULETT ST, 45 E OF POULETT ST, 46 E OF POULETT ST, 47 E OF POULETT ST, 48 E OF POULETT ST, 49 E OF POULETT ST, 50 E OF POULETT ST, 51 E OF POULETT ST, 52 E OF POULETT ST, 53 E OF POULETT ST, 54 E OF POULETT ST, 55 E OF POULETT ST, 56 E OF POULETT ST, 57 E OF POULETT ST, 58 E OF POULETT ST, 59 E OF POULETT ST, 60 E OF POULETT ST, 61 E OF POULETT ST, 62 E OF POULETT ST, 63 E OF POULETT ST, 64 E OF POULETT ST, 65 E OF POULETT ST, 66 E OF POULETT ST, 67 E OF POULETT ST, 68 E OF POULETT ST, 69 E OF POULETT ST, 70 E OF POULETT ST, 71 E OF POULETT ST PL 56 OWEN SOUND; UNNAMED ST PL 56 OWEN SOUND ABUTTING LT 39 TO 71 E OF POULETT ST PL 56; S/T R73652; OWEN SOUND

Being all of PIN 37065-0060.

2. The Statement of Cultural Heritage Value or Interest and the Description of the Property's Heritage Attributes for designation for the property described in Clause 1 hereof are as follows:

*Statement of Cultural Heritage Value or Interest*

Harrison Park's cultural heritage value lies in tangible and intangible elements that, together, identify it as a place where significant natural beauty mixes with park design and built heritage, creating areas for community gatherings and recreational activities.

Purchased by early Owen Sound industrialist and community leader John Harrison (1824-1902) in 1875 and transferred to the Town of Owen Sound in 1912, Harrison Park has design or physical value as a good example of early parkland design on the urban-rural fringe. Under Harrison's ownership, roads and walking paths were developed, and thousands of trees planted; with municipal possession came development of the watercourse and pools, main entrance gates, campground, Inn, Bandstand, Community Hall, mini-golf course and swimming pool.

The Park's historical or associative value lies in its relationship with the Harrison Family legacy, particularly John Harrison's dream that these lands remain a place of beauty for all to enjoy, and his family's gift and sale of the lands to the municipality. Town Councillor and Parks Commission member, Edward Brigham was an Owen Sound area contractor and amateur landscape designer who generously donated an enormous amount of time and expertise to the early design and installation of park improvements. The first swans arrived in the park in 1912, a gift from King Edward V to Mayor Elias Lemon; generations of families have enjoyed feeding the swans and waterfowl, and looking at the exotic birds and deer.

The property has contextual value because of its importance in defining the area, and is physically, functionally, visually and historically linked to its surroundings as an Owen Sound landmark. Its vistas and views frame places of natural beauty which can be viewed from a variety of vantage points: on foot, on skis, riding bicycles, in a canoe, on a paddleboat or driving a car. Its trails link to regional and provincial trail systems.

#### *Description of Heritage Attributes*

Key attributes that embody the design or physical value of Harrison Park include - see reference map in Appendix 'A':

1. Main Entrance Gate – riverstone/fieldstone gate and walls
2. Black History Cairn
3. Sydenham River Watercourse – to be maintained as a natural riverscape
4. Island
5. North Watercourse
6. Five-globe light standard (near Harrison Park Inn)
7. Bandstand (exterior)
8. Community Hall (exterior)
9. Laundry (exterior)
10. Weaver's Creek watercourse and walking trail
11. Kitchen (exterior)
12. Ruin of inlets for mill or logging
13. Mile Drive
14. South Washroom (exterior)

Key attributes that express the contextual value of Harrison Park include its:

- vistas and views which can be viewed from a variety of vantage points
- relationship to regional and provincial trail systems

3. The municipal solicitor is hereby authorized to cause a copy of this By-law to be registered against the property described in Clause 1 in the proper land registry office.

4. The Clerk is hereby authorized to cause a copy of this By-law to be served upon the owners of the property affected by this By-law and on the Ontario Heritage Trust and to cause notice of the passing of this By-law to be published in a newspaper having general circulation in the municipality.

5. This By-law shall come into full force and effect upon the final passing thereof.

FINALLY PASSED AND ENACTED this 25<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2012.



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Mayor Deborah A. Haswell



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Kristen M. Van Alphen, City Clerk

Appendix 'A'

Map of Heritage Attributes

