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December 4, 2008

Ontario Heritage Trust 10 Adelaide Street E. Toronto, Ontario M5C 1J3

Dear Sirs:

DEC (C 22)

Re: Notice of Passing of By-law 2008-5275

Please be advised that the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Parry Sound passed By-Law No. 2008-5275 on December 2nd, 2008 under Section 29 of The Ontario Heritage Act, R.S.O. 1990, c.O.18, as amended. A copy of the By-law and its schedules are attached for your records.

By-law 2008-5275 designates property on the west side of Belvedere Avenue to be of cultural heritage value or interest. Schedule "A" of the By-law identifies the nature of the cultural heritage value or interest and the heritage attributes. As required by the Act, the By-law will shortly be registered against the title of the lands.

If you have any questions regarding this process please feel free to contact me and I will attempt to answer them.

Yours truly,

Iain Laing, M.C.I.P.

Director of Community Development

Encl.

cc: D. Besman

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Being a By-law to designate property on Belvedere Avenue to be of cultural heritage value or interest (Belvedere Lookout)

WHEREAS section 29 (1) of the Ontario Heritage Act, R.S.O. 1990, Chapter O.18 as amended authorizes the Council of a municipality to designate property within the municipality to be of cultural heritage value or interest; and

WHEREAS the Town of Parry Sound in consultation with its Municipal Heritage Committee has by Resolution No. 2008-102 established criteria upon which to determine the architectural and/or historic interest of buildings, properties and natural/cultural heritage landscapes; and

WHEREAS the Council of the Town has consulted with the Municipal Heritage Committee which has recommended that property on Belvedere Avenue be designated a property of cultural heritage value or interest; and

WHEREAS the Council of the Town is satisfied that the property meets the prescribed criteria set out in Ontario Regulation 9/06; and

WHEREAS the Council of the Town has served upon the owner of the property and upon the Ontario Heritage Trust, notice of intention to so designate the aforesaid real property and has published such notice of intention in the local newspaper having general circulation in the municipality in accordance with legislated requirements; 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 TOWN OF PARRY SOUND ENACTS AS FOLLOWS:

- 1. The property on Belvedere Avenue known locally as the "Belvedere Heights Lookout" and more particularly described in Schedule "B" attached to this By-law is hereby designated as a property of cultural heritage value or interest for the reasons set out in the statement explaining the cultural heritage value or interest of the property and a description of its heritage attributes attached to this By-law as Schedule "A".
- 2. The Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to cause a copy of this By-law to be registered against the property described in Schedule "B" to this By-law in the proper Land Registry Office.

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3. The Clerk is authorized and directed to cause a copy of this By-law to be served upon the owners of the property and upon the Ontario Heritage Trust and to publish notice of the By-law in the local newspaper having general circulation in the municipality.

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MAYOR	CLERK

Certified to be a true and correct copy, date bec 3/08

Donna L. Besman, Deputy Clerk

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SCHEDULE "A"

REASONS FOR DESIGNATION

Property Description:

Pt. Hotel grounds w/s Belvedere Avenue, Plan 137 as in RO32086 (secondly) except Pt. 1, 42R-3733 S/T RO185402; Parry Sound, PIN NO.52109-0017(LT). The level green area on the west side of Belvedere Avenue, at its crest, was formerly part of the lawn of the Belvedere Hotel. The hotel stood across the road from 1883 to 1961. The descending wooded, rocky embankment which the view overlooks on its way to the Bay forms an integral part of the view.

Cultural Heritage Value or Interest:

This viewing area is of cultural heritage value before the founding of the Town because:

- of its importance in native culture as a ceremonial gathering place;
- it overlooked the Bourassa Post on the former Bob's Island where the French traded with the natives;
- it was on the fur trade route;
- it was a defensive position for the natives in the 1600s and perhaps earlier.

After the land for the Town was purchased from the Crown in 1867:

- the first map of the townsite drawn in 1869 names this area "Belvedere" or "beautiful view";
- its magnificent view was the reason Wm. Beatty, one of the founders of the Town, chose the property as a site for the "Belvidere" (original spelling) Hotel, one of the earliest tourist hotels on the Great Lakes;
- the early Hotel, the present Home for the Aged and even the street have used the term "Belvedere" to define their locations.

Heritage Attributes:

Key attributes that express the value of the site as an example of early Parry Sound:

- the natural vegetation, trees and rocks on the lower elevations;
- the original railing and wall dating from its days as the lawn area of the Belvedere Hotel;
- the construction of the wall (squared stones in a random pattern);
- the flagstone steps from the road to the level area, dating from the days of the Hotel and showing the use of local stone and workmanship;
- the wooden steps down the embankment to enable easier access to the shoreline (these replace the ones from the days of the Hotel and have been provided by the Rotary Club);
- the area just below the road that was leveled to provide a lawn and seating spot for the historic Hotel.

Key attributes that express the value of the site as a landmark:

- its location in the core of the original town;
- its height and 180 degree panoramic view;
- its ease of access by the general public as a drive-by attraction;
- its connection to native culture with Parry Island in the foreground of the vista, the site of the former Bourassa Post on the canoe route to the West below on Bob's Island and the natural surroundings on the lower elevations.

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SCHEDULE "B"

PIN NO. 52109-0017(LT)
Pt. Hotel Grounds, W/S Belvedere Avenue, Plan 137 as in RO 32086 (secondly) except Pt. 1, 42R3733 S/T RO185402; Parry Sound

2008-5275

DATE: 2nd Day of December, 2008

PASSING OF BY-LAW NO:

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR THAT BY-LAW NO: 2008-5275 BEING A BY-LAW to designate property on Belvedere Avenue to be of cultural heritage value or interest (Belvedere Lookout). be considered as read a first time. - CARRIED Are all members in favour of having the second and third readings? MOVED BY COUNCILLOR SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR THAT THE BY-LAW ABOVE MENTIONED BE CONSIDERED AS READ A SECOND, AND THIRD TIME, PASSED, SIGNED AND SEALED. - CARRIED ENTERED AS PART OF THE MINUTES OF MEETING HELD THIS: 2nd Day of <u>December</u>, 2008. **MAYOR CLERK** Amends: Amended by: Certified to be a true and correct copy, date: Δες 3/08 Revokes: Daniel Bosini Donna L. Besman, Deputy Clerk Revoked By: