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September 10, 2008

Ontario Heritage Trust
10 Adelaide Street E.
Toronto, Ontario
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Dear Sirs:

Re: Notice of Intention to Designate

Pursuant to Resolution No. 2008-165 passed by Town Council September 2, 2008, a copy of which is enclosed, I am providing you with a Notice of Intention to Designate under Section 29 (1.1) of The Ontario Heritage Act. This is done in satisfaction of Section 29 (3) (a) of the Act.

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

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Iain Laing".

Iain Laing, M.C.I.P.
Director of Community Development

Encl.

cc: D. Besman

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF PARRY SOUNDRESOLUTION IN COUNCIL

<u>DIVISION LIST</u>	<u>NO. 2008-165</u>	<u>DATE: September 2nd, 2008</u>
	<u>YES</u> <u>NO</u>	MOVED BY:
Councillor P. BORNEMAN	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	<u>Jan McCauley</u>
Councillor B. KEITH	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
Councillor D. MCCAULEY	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
Councillor J. MCGARVEY	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
Councillor W. SABOURIN	<input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	SECONDED BY:
Councillor C. VAN DER VALK	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	<u>R. Adams</u>
Mayor R. ADAMS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
CARRIED: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> DEFEATED: <input type="checkbox"/>		

That Council accepts in principle the recommendation of the Municipal Heritage Committee for the designation of the Belvedere Heights Viewscape and directs staff to proceed with the designation process for this cultural landscape.

R. Adams
MAYOR

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF PARRY SOUND
NOTICE OF INTENTION TO DESIGNATE UNDER SECTION 29
OF THE ONTARIO HERITAGE ACT

TAKE NOTICE that the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Parry Sound intends to pass a By-law to designate a property located on Belvedere Avenue to be of cultural heritage value or interest.

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" 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.

AND TAKE NOTICE that any person or agency who objects to this proposed designation may no later than October 10, 2008, serve on the Clerk of the Town of Parry Sound a notice of objection setting out the reason for objection and all relevant facts.

DATED AT PARRY SOUND THIS 10TH DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2008.

Mr. Rob Mens, Clerk
Town of Parry Sound
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Parry Sound, Ontario
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