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THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF PARRY SOUND  
NOTICE OF PASSING OF A BY-LAW UNDER SECTION 29 OF THE ONTARIO  
HERITAGE ACT

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TAKE NOTICE that the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Parry Sound passed By-Law No. 2011-6053 on December 6th, 2011 under Section 29 of The Ontario Heritage Act, R.S.O. 1990, c.O.18, as amended;

The purpose of By-Law No. 2011-6053 is to designate property on the west side of George Street known locally as 17 George Street to be of cultural heritage value or interest. The legal description of this property is part of Sarah Street, part of Lots 5, 6, 7, 8 and 9 east side of Sarah Street of Plan 98 and part of Blocks "L" and "I" of Plan 21 in the Town of Parry Sound, District of Parry Sound designated as Parts 1 and 2, Plan 42R-19490. The effect of the By-law is to protect certain heritage attributes located on the property considered to be of cultural heritage value or interest.

A copy of By-law No. 2011-6053 is attached for your records. Further information may be obtained by contacting Iain Laing, Director of Community Development.

DATED AT THE TOWN OF PARRY SOUND THIS 14TH DAY OF DECEMBER 2011.

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## **THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF PARRY SOUND**

### **BY-LAW 2011- 6053**

#### **Being a By-law to designate property at 17 George Street to be of cultural heritage value or interest**

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 Municipal Heritage Committee has recommended that the property known locally as Tower Hill Garden be designated as 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 identified as 17 George Street (Tower Hill Garden) in the Town of Parry Sound 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.
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.

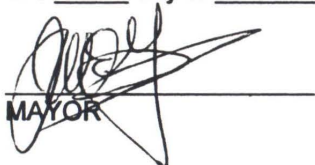
READ a **FIRST** time this 6<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2011

  
MAYOR

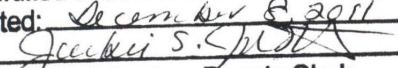
  
CLERK

READ a **SECOND** and **THIRD** time, **PASSED**, **SIGNED** and **SEALED**

this 6<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2011.

  
MAYOR

  
CLERK

Certified to be a true and correct copy,  
dated: December 8, 2011  
  
Jackie S. Johnston, Deputy Clerk

**By-law 2011 - 6053  
SCHEDULE "A"**

**REASONS FOR DESIGNATION**

**Property Description:**

17 George Street, Parry Sound, Parts 1 and 2, Plan 42R-19490.  
The Tower Hill Garden sits at the top of George Street adjacent to the West Parry Sound District Museum. It is part of a large tract of undeveloped property owned by the Town of Parry Sound on Tower Hill. The portion of the property being proposed for designation as a Cultural Heritage Landscape is the part that is currently maintained by the Town as a parkland garden plus a fifty foot zone of wooded area along the edge which is not bounded by George Street or the museum driveway.

**Cultural Heritage Value or Interest:**

Although this park and garden is only one of many parks maintained by the Town it holds a special place in the hearts of many Parry Sound citizens. The garden is unique in Ontario. It owes its existence and development in the years 1927 to 1934 at the base of a fire observation tower to will and whimsy. The fire tower was part of a forest fire detection system required to protect the essential forest resource on which the economy of the area depended. However, the District Forester at the time realized that tourism was also a contributing factor to the well being of that economy so he convinced his superiors to have the observation tower built so that the public could access it. He had the fire crews create ornamental gardens around its base. By the time the department of lands and forests knew it, they were custodians of Parry Sound's major tourism attraction with about 4,000 visitors a year in the early 1930's.

The Tower provides a stunning view of the Town of Parry Sound, the mouth of the Seguin River and the surrounding natural landscape that is representative of the Thirty Thousand Islands. Although the gardens are no longer filled with flowers of yesteryear, they provide a green and shady spot for a rest after climbing down from the tower or a stroll and a picnic lunch after a visit to the museum. The bond between the people of Parry Sound and the waters of Georgian Bay can be demonstrated by the collection of weatherworn rocks assembled to create a raised garden bed circling the base of the tower.

**Heritage Attributes:**

All stonework, rocks and boulders located within the specified boundary;  
Retaining walls, rubble walls, flagstone paths;  
Sundial base and foundation;  
Pond with surrounding flagstone decking and foundation stonework;  
Observation tower and model of old fire tower;  
Ranger cabin;  
Town centennial time capsule monument;  
Trees and plantings are not included as individual specimens but as a whole to maintain the "spirit and sense of place" of the garden and to allow for restoration and/or adaptive reuse of the garden setting as determined by stakeholders and Town Council.

**By-law 2011 - 6053**  
**SCHEDULE "B"**

Part of Sarah Street, part of Lot 5, 6, 7, 8 and 9 east side of Sarah Street of Plan 98 and part of Block "L" and "I" of Plan 21 in the Town of Parry Sound, District of Parry Sound designated as Parts 1 and 2, Plan 42R-19490.