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TOWN OF ERIN

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO DESIGNATE UNDER THE ONTARIO HERITAGE ACT

ONTARIO HERITAGE TRUST

THE STANLEY PARK GATES AND ARCH

APR 28 2017

TAKE NOTICE that the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Erin intends to designate Part 1 and Part 2, 61R-10256 under Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act, R.S.O. 1990, Chapter O.18, as amended.

Description of Historic Place

The Stanley Park gates and arch are located on Part Lot 17, Registrar's Compiled Plan 686 being Part 2, 61R-10256, Erin; and Part of original Road Allowance between Concessions 9 and 10 being Part 1, 61R-10256, Town of Erin, in the County of Wellington. The gates are located on Part 1 and the archway is located on Part 2. The Stanley Park Gates are located at the corner of Main Street and Overland Drive, in the Town of Erin.

Statement of Cultural Heritage Value

Design or Physical Value

The Stanley Park gates demonstrate a high degree of craftsmanship and are representative of early 20th century design and construction methods. The fieldstones used were carefully fitted together and the integrity of the structure was ensured by an application of tooled, V-joint mortar between the fieldstone. The fieldstones are arranged so that the different colours of the stones are evenly distributed across the gate structure while incorporating different sizes of stones. The style and material are particularly important in the context of the street. Similar style of masonry can be seen incorporated into homes along Main Street. The fieldstone material used for the gates also reflects the significance of this locally available material, procured from soils unique to the area.

Historical or Associative Value

The Stanley Park Gates were first constructed as the entrance to Stanley Park. As a result of the opening of the Credit Valley Railway in the 1880's, Stanley Park was established in anticipation of a flood of tourists from Toronto arriving by train. In the early 20th century, the park served as a popular destination for picnics and sporting events. After the First World War, the gates and arch were commissioned to greet visitors arriving by car, and were made wide enough for a car to fit through the entrance. The gates reflect the work of local stone and concrete masons, Harry Sanders and Charles Smith. The two were hired by the owner of the park to build the gates. Both were known in the Erin, Caledon and Eramosa areas for their work on barn and house foundations as well as house porches, culverts, bridges and sidewalks.

Contextual Value

The Stanley Park Gates serve as a landmark and are linked to the character and history of the community. The gates were constructed using local fieldstones which are in abundance around the town due to the rocky composition of the regional soils, influenced by the nearby drumlins and Niagara Escarpment. Further, the gates are significant for their positioning along Main Street as a landmark to visitors both from the past and present. The gates are a reminder of the original use of the lands as a tourist site and are reflective of the masonry work found throughout the Town of Erin.

Description of Heritage Attributes to be protected

- Two walls
- Two piers
- Central wooden arch
- Fieldstone on both the arch and gates
- The location of the gates at the former entrance to Stanley Park
- Construction method, including the V-joint mortar to hold the fieldstones
- The uniformity of colours and size of fieldstone used

Additional Information relating to the proposed designation is available by contacting Jessica Wilton, Building and Planning Assistant (519.855.4407 x240) between 8:30 am and 4:30 pm weekdays. Any objections to this proposed designation must be filed with the Town Clerk no later than 4:30 p.m. on 29th day of May 2017 (within 30 days of the publication of this notice).

Dated at the
Town of Erin
This 24th day of April

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