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IN THE MATTER OF THE ONTARIO HERITAGE ACT,
1974, S.O. CHAPTER 122
AND IN THE MATTER OF THE LANDS AND PREMISES
AT THE FOLLOWING MUNICIPAL
ADDRESS IN THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO

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JUN 30 1997

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO DESIGNATE

TO: Ontario Heritage Foundation
77 Bloor Street West
Toronto, Ontario
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TAKE NOTICE that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Radcliffe intends to designate the property, including lands and buildings, at the following municipal address as property of architectural and historical value or interest under Part IV of The Ontario Heritage Act, 1974, S.O. Chapter 122.

(a) Pt. Lot 6 & Pt. Lot 7, Concession V

Reasons for Proposed Designation

- See attached

Notice of objection to the proposed designation, together with a statement of the reasons for the objection and all relevant facts may be served on the Clerk of the Township of Radcliffe before the 5th day of August, 1997.

Dated at the Township of Radcliffe this 24th day of June, 1997.

Pat Pilgrim
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Clerk-Treasurer

Criteria for designation of the Anglican Rectory, Mill Street, Combermere, Ontario, Township of Radcliffe, as a heritage building.

The main criterion is based upon guidance provided by the booklet entitled "A Heritage Conservation Primer" issued by the Ministry of Culture, Tourism and Recreation:

Where a building is an integral part of a distinctive area of a community, or is considered to be a landmark, its contribution to the neighbourhood character may be of special value.

What is named "Mill Street" was once part of the original highway which linked Combermere (known in pioneer days as Dennison's Bridge) with the Village of Barry's Bay. As such, it was the site of the earliest community and was settled by pioneer families. Among the early buildings to be constructed along this early highway was St. Paul's Anglican Church, (1886), followed by a Rectory and a Church Hall. Other buildings which were erected by the turn of the century, and are still inhabited are: the Hudson House, the Miller house, the Inwood house, the Drevniok house and the Farmer house. Also, in Anderchek's backyard sit two old cabins that were part of Maggie Hudson's Inn.

The land upon which the Church buildings now stand, was sold to the Incorporated Synod of the Diocese of Ontario for the price of one dollar, by Elizabeth Hudson, administratrix for the estate of her husband John. A Deed was drawn up on the twenty-seventh of November, 1884, to convey the parcel of land (one acre) to the Incorporated Synod of the Diocese of Ontario (the Diocese of Ottawa, which currently owns the buildings, was not formed until 1896). This transaction was entered in the Parish Register on the ninth of February, 1885.

The generosity of Elizabeth Hudson, was coupled with tragedy, when her son, Captain John Hudson, lost his life when his vessel, The Mayflower sank in Kamaniskeg Lake, November 12, 1912 during blizzard conditions. The occasion has become an outstanding feature of the history of Combermere, since some of the survivors made land clinging to a casket containing the remains of a Mr. Brown to be buried at the nearby hamlet of Palmer Rapids.

At the annual Vestry Meeting of St. Paul's, Combermere on February 13, 1997, a motion was passed seeking heritage status for the Rectory as well as the Church and Hall (in the context of a Heritage Site). The owner of the buildings chose not to apply for heritage status. What has transpired since has led a member of the community to bring a recommendation to the Council of Radcliffe Township, which heard the recommendation at the regular Council Meeting of June 16, 1997. At that meeting a motion was passed to begin the legal process to have the Rectory declared a heritage building.

Comments:

The people of the community are disappointed with the decision rendered by the Diocese of Ottawa to have the building demolished. Its construction is sound, and the building, along with the other two buildings have been a community landmark for 110 years. This Spring, the Township of Radcliffe has begun to find ways to make the community more attractive to visitors, as well as becoming aware of the history of the Township. Interest and enthusiasm are running high at the moment, and a favourable decision to have the Rectory designated as a heritage building would even heighten public interest for history and heritage. The Township Council has been very supportive of this recommendation, and a local architectural conservation advisory committee is presently being formed at the request of the Township Council.