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To Whom It May Concern:

Please find enclosed Notice of Intention to Designate, as a property of cultural heritage value or interest under the *Ontario Heritage Act*, "The Drummond Estate Wall" at 251, 311 and 353 Fuller Avenue in the Town of Midland, County of Simcoe.

Please also be advised that any Notices of Objection must be filed in writing with the Town Clerk prior to Monday, November 16, 2009 by 4:30pm.

Sincerely,

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF MIDLAND

Andrea Rabbitts, B.A.
Planner
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Attachments



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Notice of Intention to Designate: The Drummond Estate Wall

TAKE NOTICE that the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Midland, on Monday, September 28, 2009, resolved to issue a Notice of Intention to Designate the Drummond Estate Wall described as Part of Lots 111 & 112, Concession 2, Registered Plan 69, formerly in the Township of Tay, now Town of Midland, County of Simcoe and more particularly described as Part 1, Reference Plan 51R-30323, having the municipal addresses of 251, 311 and 353 Fuller Avenue and known as the Drummond Estate Wall, under Section 29 of the *Ontario Heritage Act R.S.O. 1990, c.18*, as a property of cultural heritage value and interest.

Description of the Property

The Drummond Estate, including the estate wall, was constructed between 1890 and 1901 by John Drummond. The dry stone wall, which stretches across the front edge and both sides of the property known as "Georgian Lodge," was constructed as both a fence and retaining wall along with three gates entrances to the property. The wall is the only remaining component of the original estate which was destroyed by fire in June 1980.

Statement of Cultural Heritage Value or Interest

The Drummond Estate Wall is approximately one hundred thirty-five meters (135m) in length along the east side of Fuller Avenue, with the north return into the property being about forty-four metres (44m) and the south return into the property being approximately one hundred and thirty-five metres (135m) and a total length of approximately 314 metres. The wall consists of three gates and two distinct construction methods. The columns and small portions of the north and west wall at its northern corner have been constructed in a common style, using mortar to secure stones in place. The majority of the balance of the walls construction reflects a less common style known as 'dry wall'. A draft Designation By-law is available at the Town Offices and on the Town website at www.midland.ca.

Description of Heritage Attributes

Attributes that express the cultural value and interest of The Drummond Estate Wall and make the subject property worthy of designation include:

- Unique dry stone walling construction method to the area;
- High degree of craftsmanship, especially in the construction of the dry stone walled portion of the wall.
- Direct association with the Drummond family and the Canada Iron and Furnace Company.
- Defines and links the character of the area;
- Physically and historically linked to its surroundings.

Objections

As per the *Ontario Heritage Act*, any person may, within thirty (30) days, present Notice of Objection to the proposed designation. All Notices of Objection must be presented in writing to the Town Clerk via registered mail or delivery to the Town Office, no later than Monday, November 16, 2009 at 4:30pm. Notices of Objection must include a statement of the reasons for objection as well as any relevant facts.

Notices of Objection may be directed to:

Andrea Fay, Clerk
Town of Midland
575 Dominion Avenue
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Detailed information regarding the proposed designation of the Drummond Estate Wall can be obtained by contacting:

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The final date to submit a Notice of Objection is Monday, November 16, 2009 at 4:30pm.