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## **Town of The Blue Mountains**

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January 22, 2008

Ontario Heritage Trust 10 Adelaide Street East Toronto, ON M5C 1J3

Dear Madam/Sir:

Re: Notice of a By-law to Designate, Part IV, Ontario Heritage Act

As per notice requirements, please find enclosed a copy of By-law No. 2008-03, being a By-law to Designate a Property under the Ontario Heritage Act. As you will note, the By-law designates the dwelling and property known as "The David J. McNichol Residence" and described as east part Lot 10, Concession 10, Part 1, 16R-8160, 9<sup>th</sup> Sideroad, to be a property of cultural heritage value and interest as the birthplace and lifelong residence and farmstead of David J. McNichol.

As the Schedule "A" to By-law No. 2008-03 indicates, Mr. McNichol played a substantial and significant role in the governance and development of the former Township of Collingwood, with his many political achievements and community involvement noted therein.

A Heritage Conservation Agreement is now being prepared for execution between the applicant and the municipality and it is intended the property will be plaqued. Notice of Passing will be published in The Blue Mountains Courier-Herald on January 23, 2008.

Should you have any questions please feel free to contact this office.

Yours truly,

CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF

THE BLUE MOUNTAINS

Stephen Keast, Clerk

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cc Jim and Sandra McNichol, landowners

## CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF THE BLUE MOUNTAINS

By-law No. 2008 - 03

Being a By-law to designate a property within the municipality to be of cultural heritage value and interest

WHEREAS property including lands and building and known as the David J. McNichol residence and described as east part Lot 10, Concession 10, Part 1, 16R-8160, is considered to represent a property within the municipality to be of cultural heritage value and interest as described on the attached Schedule "A" which is hereby declared to form part of this By-law;

**AND WHEREAS** Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act, chapter O.18, R.S.O. 1990, as amended, enables the council of a municipality to pass by-laws to designate a property within the municipality to be of cultural heritage value or interest;

**AND WHEREAS** notice provisions contained in the Ontario Heritage Act relating to intention to designate are hereby deemed to have been complied with;

**AND WHEREAS** the Council of the Corporation of the Town of The Blue Mountains deems it expedient to pass such a by-law;

**NOW THEREFORE** Council of the Corporation of the Town of The Blue Mountains hereby enacts as follows:

- 1. THAT property including lands and building and known as the David J. McNichol residence and described as east part Lot 10, Concession 10, Part 1, 16R-8160, is hereby designated to be a property of cultural heritage value and interest within the municipality.
- 2. THAT following passage of this By-law it shall be registered on title of the subject lands in the proper Land Registry Office and a copy of this By-law shall be served upon the Ontario Heritage Trust and the property owner and notice of the passing of this By-law shall be published in a local newspaper having general circulation in the area.

AND FURTHER that this By-law shall come into force and take effect upon the enactment thereof.

Enacted and passed this fourteenth day of January, 2008

Ellen Anderson, Mayor

Stephen Keast, Clerk

CERTIFIED TO BE A
TRUE COPY

STEPHEN KEAST, TOWN CLERK

## Schedule "A" to By-law No. 2008- 03

**Property Description:** located on the east half Lot 10, Concession 10. The white farm dwelling is located in the centre of this farm property, parallel and relatively close to the 9<sup>th</sup> Sideroad, surrounded by lawn and agricultural buildings.

Statement of Cultural Heritage Value or Interest: the property is considered for designation under Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act, chapter O.18, R.S.O. 1990, as amended, as representing a site of cultural heritage and interest within the Town.

David J. McNichol's contribution to the former Township of Collingwood was substantial and significant, first being elected to Township Council in 1949, then elected Reeve in 1952, the position in which he served continuously until his passing in 1994, save a two year term in 1972. David also served on Grey County Council and was elected an unprecedented three times as County Warden, in 1963, 1972 and 1986. David J. McNichol also served on many boards and commissions and was a founding Director of both the Georgian Triangle Tourist Association and the Georgian Trail Board of Management. Mr. McNichol is further credited with playing a major role in having the former Township of Collingwood receiving the first Four Season Recreation Designation in the Province of Ontario as well as securing grant funding from the Province of Ontario for the municipal servicing of the resort area of the Township which allowed the substantial development now present in the area.

David J. McNichol was born as the fifth of eight children in this residence on September 20, 1918 and he eventually assumed the family homestead from his parents John and Jean (Gilmour) McNichol. David then married his wife Hazel (Knox) and together they farmed the property through their lifetime, raising a family of five in the home.

Description of Key Heritage Attributes: The David J. McNichol Residence is a turn of the century, substantially original 1 ½ storey rural Ontario farmhouse located within a traditional farm structure cluster in a working farmstead environment. Key attributes of the residence that reflect its value as an important link to the history of the community include the fact the residence remains substantially as at the time of Mr. McNichol's birth and through his lifetime of municipal involvement. The property further represents an excellent example of the transition of agriculture in southern Ontario from subsistence farming with a minimal dwelling to an era of increased productivity with a residence that would equate with village or town properties of the time.

As earlier noted, the residence is located in the centre of this farm property, parallel and relatively close to the 9<sup>th</sup> Sideroad, surrounded by lawn and agricultural buildings and easily viewed from the road without need to access private property.

Prior to undertaking any alterations to the property that affect the heritage attributes, the owner shall obtain written consent from Council.

**Legal Description:** the property is described as east part Lot 10, Concession 10, Part 1, 16R-8160.