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**The Corporation of the
City of Sault Ste. Marie**

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June 29, 2017

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10 Adelaide Street
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ONTARIO HERITAGE TRUST

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Dear Sir/Madam:

RE: DESIGNATION OF 83 HURON STREET

On February 6, 2017 City Council passed By-law 2017-33 to designate the above monument as being of architectural or historic value or interest in the City of Sault Ste. Marie. The By-law was registered on May 24, 2017 as instrument number AL173207.

All matters to effect the designation under the Ontario Heritage Act have now been completed and therefore, pursuant to Section 29 of the Act I am enclosing a certified registered copy of the By-law.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'Nuala Kenny', written over a horizontal line.

Nuala Kenny
City Solicitor

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Enclosure

c.c. Virginia McLeod, Manager of Recreation & Culture

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THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF SAULT STE. MARIE

BY-LAW NO. 2017-33

HERITAGE DESIGNATION: (C3.16) A by-law to designate the property listed below as being of architectural or historic value or interest:

1. 83 Huron Street

WHEREAS Section 29 of the *Ontario Heritage Act*, R.S.O. 1990, c. O. 18 authorizes the Council of a municipality to enact by-laws to designate real property, including all buildings and structures thereon, to be of architectural or historic value or interest;

WHEREAS the Council of the Corporation of the City of Sault Ste. Marie has caused to be served on the owners of the lands and upon The Ontario Heritage Trust, notice of intention to so designate the property and has caused such notice of intention to be published in the Sault Star for three consecutive weeks;

WHEREAS no objections to the proposed designations have been served on the Clerk of the municipality; and

NOW THEREFORE the Council of the Corporation of the City of Sault Ste. Marie, pursuant to the *Ontario Heritage Act* ENACTS as follows:

1. **PROPERTIES DESIGNATED**

There is designated as being of architectural or historic value or interest, the building and monuments described above and further described in Schedule "A" to this by-law.

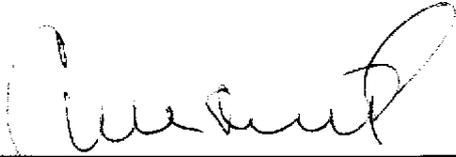
2. **HERITAGE DESIGNATION REPORT**

The Heritage Designation Report of the Sault Ste. Marie Municipal Heritage Committee dated June 13, 2016 recommending that the building and monuments be designated of significant cultural heritage value and interest pursuant to Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act is attached as Schedule "B" to this by-law.

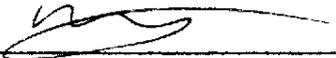
3. **EFFECTIVE DATE**

This by-law takes effect on the date of its final passing.

PASSED in Open Council this 6th day of February, 2017.



MAYOR – CHRISTIAN PROVENZANO



CITY CLERK – MALCOLM WHITE

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I, Nicola Kenny, City Solicitor, of The Corporation of the City of Sault Ste. Marie, certify the foregoing to be a true and correct copy of the original document of which it purports to be a copy.

Dated at Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario, this 6th day of Feb 2017



SCHEDULE "A" TO BY-LAW 2017-33

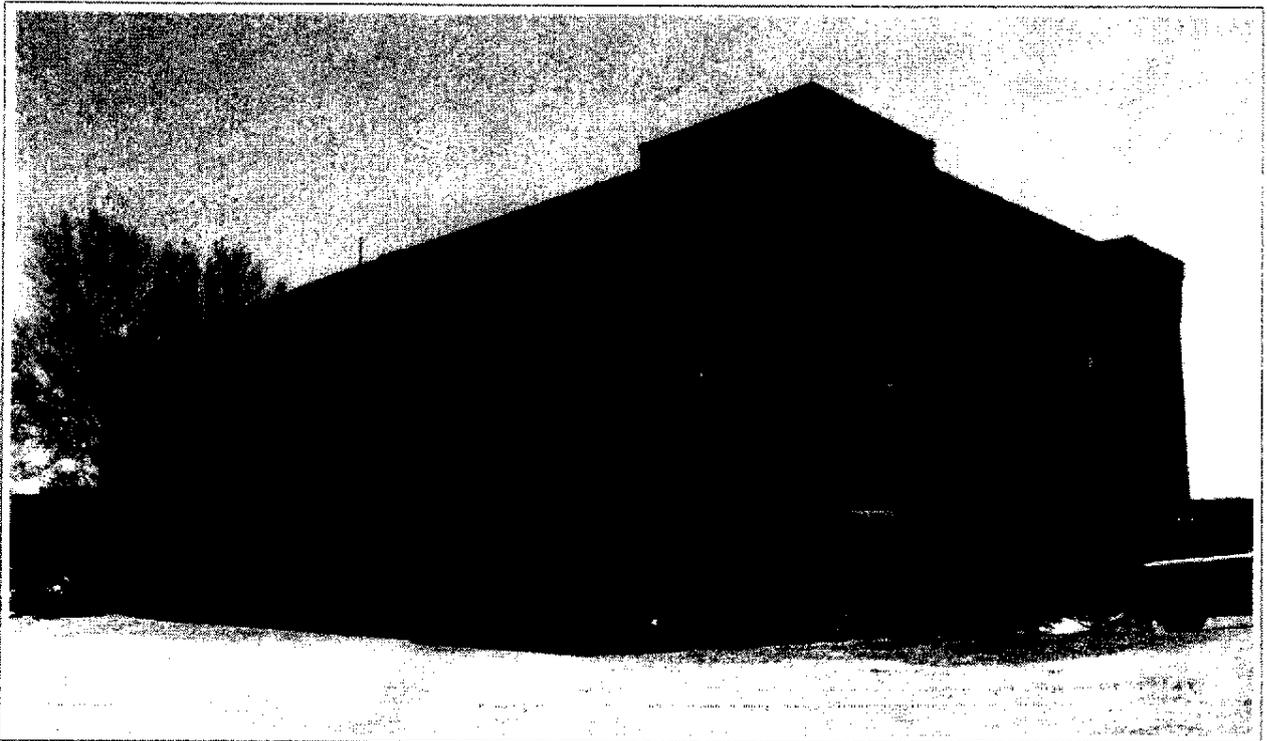
83 HURON STREET

PT HUDSON'S BAY COMPANY'S LANDS S/S PORTAGE ST PL TOWN PLOT OF SAULT STE. MARIE, BEING PTS 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10 1R13083 S/T AL 126955 T/W AL 126955; PT HUDSON'S BAY COMPANY'S LANDS S/S PORTAGE ST PL TOWN PLOT OF SAULT STE. MARIE AND PT LAIRD AND HENDERSON MILL SITE IN FRONT OF LOTS 1 TO 30 INCLUSIVE ORIGINAL TOWN PLOT BEING PT 21, 1R13083; TOGETHER WITH AN EASEMENT OVER PTS 11, 14, 15, 16, 18, 19, 20 1R13083 AS IN AL145063; CITY OF SAULT STE. MARIE.

SAULT STE MARIE MUNICIPAL HERITAGE COMMITTEE

REPORT & RECOMMENDATION
to the
CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF SAULT STE MARIE

that the
**MACHINE SHOP LOCATED AT 83 HURON STREET,
SAULT STE MARIE
BE DESIGNATED AS A PROPERTY OF
HERITAGE VALUE OR INTEREST
UNDER THE ONTARIO HERITAGE ACT**



Machine Shop - North-West Elevation

Introduction

The Sault Ste. Marie Municipal Heritage Committee is comprised of members interested in heritage conservation with expertise in a number of related fields such as local history and architecture. The members are appointed by Council and recommend to Council significant properties of cultural heritage value or interest for designation under the Ontario Heritage Act.

The Sault Ste. Marie Municipal Heritage Committee having examined the property known as the Machine Shop, located at 83 Huron Street, Sault Ste Marie and recommends to Council that this structure be designated under Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act.



The Sault Ste. Marie Municipal Heritage Committee has consulted with the Owner of this building (1188004 Ontario Ltd) and the Owner has indicated that it has no objection to the designation of this structure.

Description of Property

Built on the site of the former Hudson Bay trading post and constructed by 1900 the Machine Shop is a rectangular building constructed of red sandstone, excavated from the adjacent power canal and lock.

The external plan size is 167' 9" (51.13m) by 87' 3" (26.59m) measured at the base which tapers slightly, buttress like, to a height of +/- 6' 0" (1.83m). Internally the dimensions of the actual Machine Shop portion are 80' 1" (24.39m) wide by 119' 10" (36.51m) in length.

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The Machine Shop is single storey with an overall interior height of 43' 4" (13.20m), but contains an interior mezzanine floor at 18' 6" (5.62m) to the underside. At the same time as the original construction a Blacksmith's Shop, also of single storey construction but much lower in height was constructed at the south east corner. This latter structure has been partially demolished and much altered over the years but the majority of the interior remains relatively intact.

Statement of Cultural Heritage Value and Interest:

- 1) The Machine Shop is constructed of local red sandstone excavated from the adjacent power canal and lock.
- 2) The Machine Shop formed a portion of the turn of the century industrial empire developed on the site by Francis Hector Clergue. This included the Tagona Water & Light Company, Algoma Iron Works, the Algoma Central & Hudson Bay Railroad, the Lake Superior Paper Company, the Spanish River Pulp & Paper Company, The Algoma Steel Corporation, the Algoma Tube Works Ltd, the International Transit Company, and the Helen & Gertrude Mines in Wawa,
- 3) Francis Hector Clergue is designated as a National Historic Person by the Historic Sites and Monuments Board of Canada for his contribution to the industrial growth of the city of Sault Ste. Marie.
- 4) It is also additionally significant that the internal cast iron support columns of the mezzanine floor were cast on site at the Algoma Iron Works (Embossed AIW 1900).

The key exterior features that embody the heritage value of the Machine Shop include:

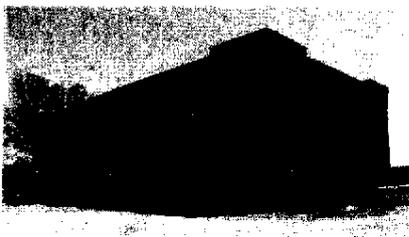
- 1) The Machine Shop is one of the finest Ontario examples of Romanesque Revival architecture popularized in the style of Henry Hobson Richardson. i.e. 'Richardson Romanesque' incorporating heavy massing, symmetrical composition and rusticated stonework in squared random rubble. Each corner consists of a slightly projecting tower which extends a little higher than the main exterior walls which are corbeled out to the parapet. The overall impression of this landmark building is one of considerable strength.
- 2) The decorative and distinctive elements of the Machine Shop are repeated in other buildings in the complex resulting in a harmony and attractiveness that was unusual in industrial architecture of this time period.
- 3) The building, excluding the Blacksmith's Shop is of rectangular plan, of single storey slab on grade construction, but with an internal mezzanine floor running around the building exterior perimeter.
- 4) Window openings are generally grouped in threes. The ground floor sets are rectangular but the mezzanine groupings have semi-circular arched heads.
- 5) A Blacksmiths Shop, built at approximately the same time, was attached to the south-east corner and the south side of the Machine Shop. Much of the exterior of this Shop has been demolished at the west end but a significant portion remains towards the south east corner. The remaining interiors in heavy timber post and beam construction are considered to be of significance and to be incorporated within this designation report.

The key interior features of the Machine Shop include:

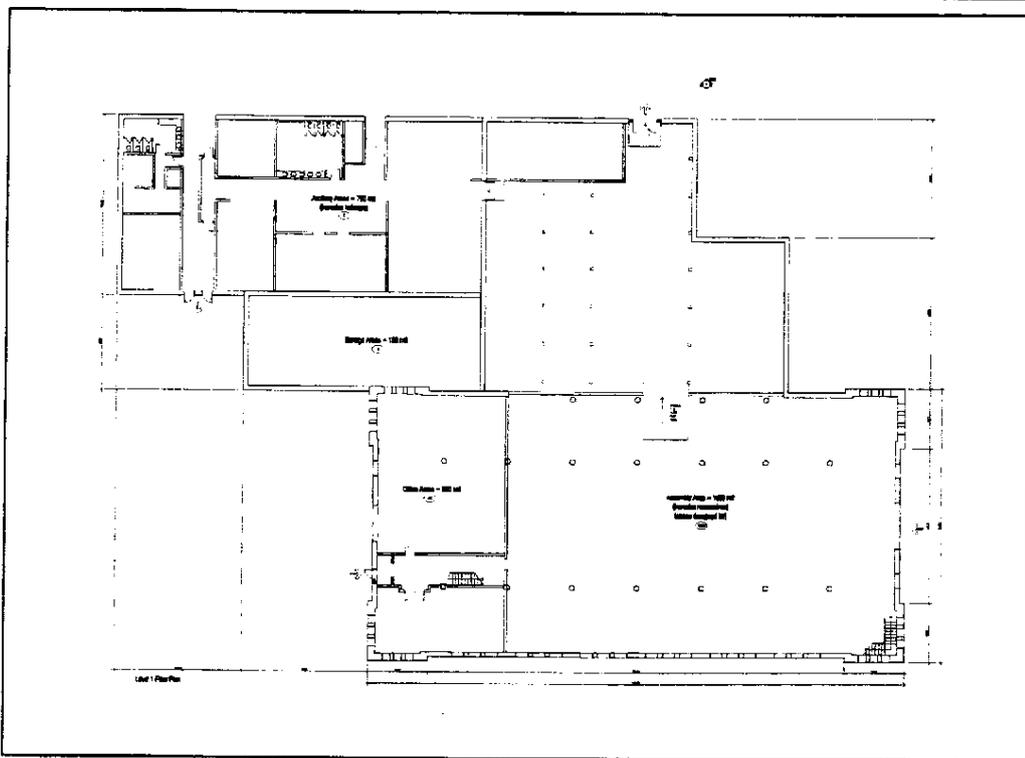
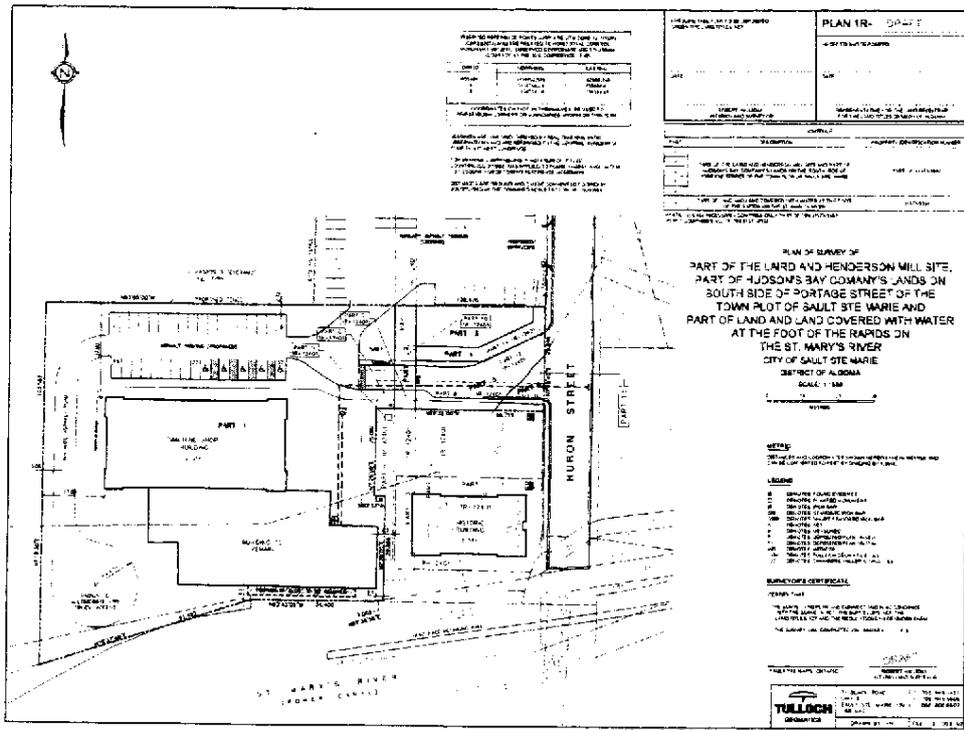
- 1) Significant internal features are the cast iron columns supporting the exterior perimeter of the mezzanine with embossed "AIW (Algoma Iron Works) 1900" on the outer face. Jib cranes are attached to certain columns and clear span roof trusses are composed of riveted angle iron.

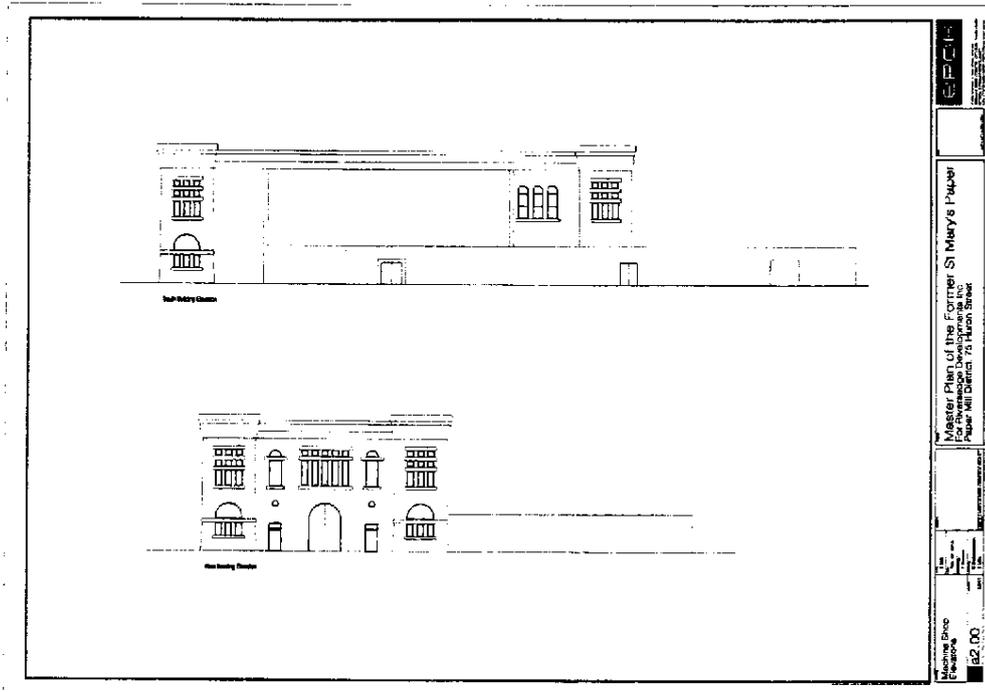
The Sault Ste Marie Municipal Heritage Committee uses the following criteria when evaluating a property:

- * A property may be of cultural heritage value or significance if it is associated with the life of an outstanding member of the community or has played a role in an important historical event.
- * A building may be of architectural significance if it is a good example of a particular building type, architectural style or period, or if it is the work of an important architect or early builder.
- * A building may also have contextual significance if it forms an integral part of the surrounding streetscape.
- * A property may be of cultural heritage value or significance if it possesses unique aesthetic or picturesque qualities.
- * A property may be of cultural heritage value or significance if it incorporated the use of local sandstone in the building construction, particularly from the Sault Ste. Marie Canal excavation.



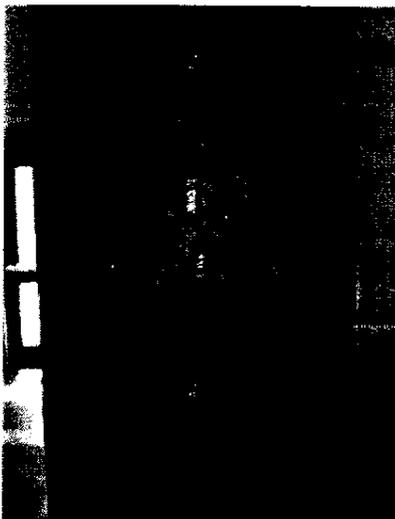
It is the opinion of the Sault Ste Marie Municipal Heritage Committee that the Machine Shop meets all of the criteria listed above





ELEVATIONS

Plan & Elevations, have been provided courtesy of EPOH Inc. Architects, Engineers and Interior Designers



Cast Iron Interior Column



Mezzanine Level Floor

MACHINE SHOP - DESIGN

At the time of the preparation of this report the architect/designer of the Machine Shop has not been established. Neither have the original design drawings been located.

The (Toronto) Globe of June 24, 1899 and the (Toronto) Evening Star of June 19, 1899 both indicate that the Machine Shop had been completed. There is a photo of the Machine Shop which appears complete published in an article entitled 'The Clergue Industries in Canada' contained in the May 4, 1900 edition of the "Canadian Manufacturer".

Architects known to be working for Clergue's Lake Superior Power Company in and around that time were:

* **E. Francis Head 1899-1902** - refer to his entry in the Biographical Dictionary of Architects in Canada, 1800-1950. Robert Hill ed. In 1988 the initials **EFH** were found on a drawing of the Blacksmiths Shop, which is attached to the Machine Shop. At this time Francis Head would appear to be the most likely designer.

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* **Harry J. Powell 1900-1901** - (given these dates Harry Powell would probably not have had an involvement). - refer to his entry in the Biographical Dictionary of Architects in Canada, 1800-1950. Robert Hill ed.

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* **James Calloway Teague 1898-1905(?)**.

* Teague had an architectural practice in Sault Ste Marie MI. and also as being a draftsman for Clergue's Lake Superior Power Company. He is noted for the (revised) design of the (Union Carbide) generating station on the south (Michigan) side of the St Marys River and of 'Montfermier' a house for Francis Clergue and his family at Moffley Hill, Sault Ste Marie Ontario. - refer to his entry in the Biographical Dictionary of Architects in Canada, 1800-1950. Robert Hill ed.

NOTE

Historically this building has always been referred the 'Machine Shop' and that is the term used throughout this Report.

It is our understanding that the building has now been renamed 'Millworks.'

Respectfully Submitted

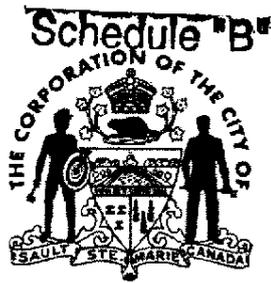
November 1, 2015 (Revised and updated for new Owner - April 28, 2016)

Prepared for Municipal Heritage Committee review

By

Jeanette Cowen & Chris Tossell - Sault Ste Marie Municipal Heritage Committee.

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COUNCIL REPORT

June 13, 2016

TO: Mayor Christian Provenzano and Members of City Council
AUTHOR: Virginia McLeod, Manager Recreation & Culture
DEPARTMENT: Community Services Department
RE: Ontario Heritage Act – Part IV Designation of Machine Shop
(83 Huron St.)

PURPOSE

The purpose of this report is to seek Council's approval to designate the Machine Shop located at 83 Huron Street under the Ontario Heritage Act, due to its significant heritage value to the City of Sault Ste. Marie.

BACKGROUND

The Sault Ste. Marie Municipal Heritage Committee advises City Council as to the cultural heritage value or interest of properties within the Municipality, and recommends that significant properties be designated under Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act. This affords the property, and in particular the designated heritage features, special protection under the Act. The Sault Ste. Marie Municipal Heritage Committee is recommending to City Council the designation of the Machine Shop located at 83 Huron Street due to its significant heritage value to the City of Sault Ste. Marie.

In April of 2015 the owner (2319839 Ontario Inc.) of the Machine Shop located at 83 Huron Street submitted an application for consideration of designation. At their May 2015 meeting, the Sault Ste. Marie Municipal Heritage Committee assigned Committee Members to evaluate the building. Ownership of the property changed, as a result, a meeting was held on April 14, 2016 with the new owner (1188004 Ontario Ltd.) of the Machine Shop. The new property owner confirmed that they were interested in proceeding with the designation.

A final report recommending designation of the building was presented and the Sault Ste. Marie Municipal Heritage Committee passed the following resolution at their May 11, 2016 meeting.

Moved By: C. Tossell

Seconded By: M. Caruso

“Resolved that the Sault Ste. Marie Municipal Heritage Committee approve the designation report for the Machine Shop located at 83 Huron Street, as edited be recommended for designation under Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act; and further that a report be sent to City Council to request their approval to proceed with the designation.” CARRIED

ANALYSIS

The designation report which provides a detailed description of the cultural heritage value of this property is attached for Council’s review. The key features being recommended for protection under the designation are:

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IMPACT

There is no immediate budget impact. However, when the property owner enrolls in the Heritage Property Tax Rebate Program they will be eligible for a 40% rebate on the taxes that pertain to only the designated building.

STRATEGIC PLAN

This item does not relate to the Corporate Strategic Plan.

RECOMMENDATION

It is therefore recommended that Council take the following action:

That the report of the Chair of the Sault Ste. Marie Municipal Heritage Committee concerning the designation of the Machine Shop located at 83 Huron Street be received and the recommendation that the property be designated under Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act be approved.

Respectfully submitted,



Virginia McLeod,
Manager of Recreation and Culture,
on behalf of
Sault Ste. Marie Municipal Heritage
Committee

Recommended for approval,



Nicholas J. Apostle,
Commissioner Community Services