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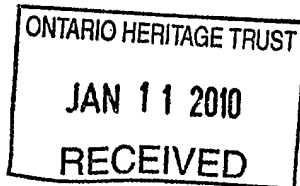
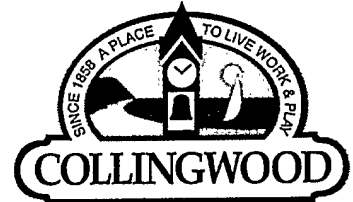
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TOWN OF COLLINGWOOD

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January 4, 2010

Mr. Sean Fraser  
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Dear Mr. Fraser,

The Town of Collingwood is in the process of designating 125 Napier St. (also known as 20 West St.) the former Connaught School which is owned by the Town of Collingwood under Section 29 of the Ontario Heritage Act.

Enclosed please find the "Notices of Intention to Designate" as required. If no objections are received the Council of the Town of Collingwood will consider the by-laws at their meeting on February 8, 2010.

We will advise you of the outcome of the meeting as prescribed in the Ontario Heritage Act.

If you require any further information please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned.

Yours truly,

Sara J. Almas  
Clerk  
TOWN OF COLLINGWOOD  
Encl.  
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Notice of Intention to Designate  
125 Napier St. also known as 20 West St.  
Former Connaught School presently Collingwood Fitness Centre

**Take Notice** that the Council of the Town of Collingwood, on December 21, 2009, passed a resolution of intent to designate Lots 3 to 5, east side, Napier Street/west side West St., Plan 282, and is known municipally as 125 Napier Street/20 West Street, under Section 29 of the Ontario Heritage Act, R.S. O. 1990, c.18, as they are of cultural heritage value and interest. This property is also known as the former Connaught School and the Collingwood Fitness Centre.

**STATEMENT OF CULTURAL HERITAGE VALUE OR INTEREST  
HISTORICAL OR ASSOCIATIVE VALUE**

The East Ward/Connaught Public Elementary School building on Napier Street was constructed in 1884 and enlarged in 1902. This was during the period of growth in Collingwood when the enrolment of school aged children exceeded the available classroom space.

In 1884, Collingwood architect Marshall B. Aylsworth designed and supervised the construction by local contractors of two schools, East Ward and Centre Ward. The 1884 Centre Ward (later Victoria) School at 400 Maple Street is demolished but an 1894 annex building designed by local architect John Wilson survives on site. John Wilson also designed the two classroom addition to East Ward in 1902. As the research indicates that the work undertaken in 1902 was a "rebuilding," the extent to which is unknown, Connaught School is currently attributed to both architects, Aylsworth and Wilson.

The Napier Street property was in continuous use for educational purposes from 1884 until 1969, resulting in a long-standing association of the site with Collingwood's elementary school aged children, parents, staff, and administrators.

**DESIGN OR PHYSICAL VALUE**

It is evident that Marshall Aylsworth and John Wilson were skilled designers and knowledgeable about Romanesque Revival styling. Both architects seem to have been aware of the contemporary philosophy that a pleasant, stylish, and well equipped school building fosters learning. Wilson designed a 1902 addition that appears seamlessly integrated with the original 1884 structure.

Overall, this is a solidly executed local example of the Romanesque Revival style of architecture being applied to institutional use. It retains several school purpose

features such as separate entrances for boys and girls, natural lighting, auxiliary rooms, and classrooms. The plan, massing, style, masonry including polychromatic (red/buff/black) brickwork, roof cornice, shaped door and window openings together form an attractive composition. The building maintains its overall architectural integrity.

#### **CONTEXTUAL VALUE**

This property and building served the community as a school from 1884 to 1969 and have been Town owned since 1970. The school building is a neighbourhood landmark.

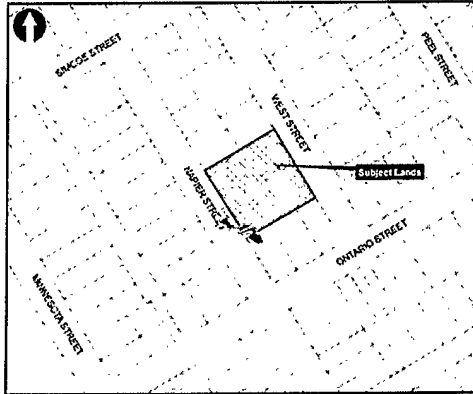
#### **Description of Heritage Attribute**

The significant heritage attribute of the property is the 1884/1902 Romanesque Revival style school building, without the 1970s addition(s). Important elements of this structure include:

#### **Exterior**

- Cruciform plan, 2-storey height, massing, and design symmetry
- Low pitched, hipped roof with two dormers and dentil trim cornice
- Fenestration including window placement, shapes, dimensions, wood sash type, transoms, dentil and other trim, and lugsill type
- Unpainted red-orange and buff-cream coloured brick masonry with buff coloured, lime based mortar
- The black pigment on selected bricks used as banding and edging
- All decorative masonry such as corbelling, brick voussoirs and stone lintels over door and window openings, brick pilasters with stone/cement caps, Z-pattern frieze
- Coursed stone foundation
- Separate boys' and girls' entryways
- The "Connaught Public School 1902" stone plaque

Any objection to this designation must be filled within 30 days of January 8, 2010 being the date of the publication of the notice of intention to designate, as published in this publication. Objections should be directed to Sara Almas, Town Clerk, 97 Hurontario St., P.O. Box 157, Collingwood, ON L9Y 3Z5.



**Any inquiries may be directed to:**  
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**Last date for objection is 3:00 p.m. on Monday, February 8, 2010.**