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TOWNSHIP OF ERNESTOWN

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October 2, 1992

REGISTERED MAIL

Ministry of Citizenship
& Culture
Heritage Branch
77 Bloor Street West, 2nd Floor
Toronto, Ontario
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Dear Sir/Madam:

RE: Babcock Mill
Part Lot 32, Con. IV
Odessa, Ontario

Please be advised Bylaw 92-56, which designates Babcock Mill as being of historical and architectural significance, was adopted by Council, September 28, 1992 in accordance with the provisions of the Ontario Heritage Act.

Enclosed is a copy of Bylaw 92-56 for your records.

Yours truly,

Brenda J.H. Loyst, A.M.C.T.
Deputy Clerk

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF ERNESTOWN

BY-LAW NO. 92-56

Being a By-law to designate the Babcock Mill in Odessa as an historical property pursuant to Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act, R.S.O. 1990, Chapter O.18.

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

WHEREAS the Local Architectural Conservation Advisory Committee has recommended to the Council that the Babcock Mill in Odessa be designated an historical property; and

WHEREAS the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Ernestown has caused to be served on the owners of the lands and premises known as the Babcock Mill in Odessa, Part Lot 32, Concession IV, and upon the Ontario Heritage Foundation, notice of intention to so designate the aforesaid real property and has caused such notice of intention to be published in the same newspaper having general circulation in the municipality once for each of three consecutive weeks; and

WHEREAS no notice of objection to the proposed designation has been served on the Clerk of the municipality;

NOW THEREFORE the Council of the Township of Ernestown enacts as follows:

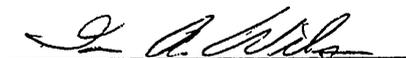
- 1) There is designated as being of architectural and historical value the real property known as the Babcock Mill in Odessa, Part Lot 32, Concession IV, more particularly described in Schedule 'A' hereto. The reasons for this designation are detailed on Schedule 'B' attached hereto.
- 2) The municipal solicitor is hereby authorized to cause a copy of this by-law to be registered against the property described in Schedule 'A' hereto in the proper land registry office.
- 3) The Clerk is hereby authorized to cause a copy of this by-law to be served on the owner of the aforesaid property and on the Ontario Heritage Foundation and to cause notice of the passing of this by-law to be published in the same newspaper having general circulation in the municipality once for each of three consecutive weeks.

Read a First and Second Time this 28th day of September, 1992.

Read a Third Time, Signed, Sealed and Finally Passed this 28th day of September, 1992.



CLERK



REEVE

SCHEDULE 'A'

LEGAL DESCRIPTION

Part of Lot 32, Concession IV, Township of Ernestown, County
of Lennox & Addington

SCHEDULE 'B'

REASONS FOR DESIGNATION

The Babcock Mill was built by the Saul Brothers, a firm of Stonemasons. The structure was built for the Booth family, a family of millowners in Ernestown.

The structure itself has walls constructed of roughhewn limestone. The stone is set in irregular layers. The corners are supported with larger cut stone limestone quoins. The roof was originally cedar shingles but is now sheet metal, a later replacement. The window openings are capped with cutstoné voussoirs. The front, or north, entrance has been enlarged but the dedication stone is still above the door. Running from east to west through the building are tie rods which have their terminal plates showing on the exterior, one on each floor on the north-west and north-east corners.

The window pane arrangement is a restoration of the original style. They are twelve over eight configuration. The eaves at the north end are of original wood. At the south end they are similar but a door has been cut into the eaves, thus giving access to the loft from outside. The roof top copula is an original feature but it has been sided with material similar to the roofing metal.

The mill was originally intended to be used as a grist mill but it was never machined for this purpose. It was used as a warehouse until early this century when John Babcock designed and patented machinery to build baskets at the mill. It was also used at this time for the planing of lumber. Later in World War II it was used almost exclusively for lumber finishing for the Kingston Shipyards. After the War, truck bodies were built on the premises.

At one time this mill was used for electrical generation and provided some for part of the Village of Odessa.