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Lennox & Addington

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NOTICE

TAKE NOTICE the Corporation of the Township of Ernestown proposes to designate lands and/or buildings of historic and/or architectural value as per Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act, R.S.O. 1990, as amended.

DESCRIPTION

The property involved are the eight (8) surviving Kingston and Napanee MacAdamized Road milestones found in place at roughly one mile intervals on the north side of County Road 2 (formerly Highway 2) and an area surrounding each stone measured as a radius of 2.0 metres in all directions from the centre of the stone. The approximate location each stone is depicted on the attached schedule.

REASONS FOR DESIGNATION

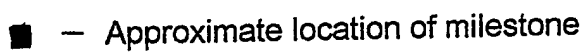
The intent is to designate the milestones for historical reasons.

County Road 2 is the most recent form of the route between Kingston and Napanee built in 1816 and 1817. From that time it has been important in the activities within Ernestown Township. The route is historically significant as that of the Kingston and Napanee Macadamized Road, the province's first improved inter-community road. The milestones were set in place in compliance with an 1850 Bylaw of the United Counties of Frontenac, Lennox and Addington providing for the management of the Road.

The initial phase of construction of this 24 mile-long improved road took place in 1837 under the supervision of the English practical engineer James Cull. Cull had introduced a form of macadamization into Upper Canada by building a one-mile sample on the Yonge Street turnpike in 1833. Macadamization entailed putting down layers of compacted broken stone and ensuring drainage of the roadbed. Cull's report for the 1837 construction season details the work accomplished in Section 2, which included Ernestown. The old road was being reworked to form the bed for the new and a stone bridge was completed at Mill Creek. Unfortunately, as late as July 1843 there was still a five-mile stretch of road in Ernestown and Fredericksburg unimproved due to lack of funding. It was a very inconvenient reminder of the great improvement in transportation afforded by the macadamized surface. In April 1844 funds had been provided to complete the road.

The Kingston-Napanee Macadamized Road served as a corridor from the agricultural interior of Ernestown Township to the markets of Kingston and Napanee, and hence the road was upgraded to service this need. The

Location of County Road 2 Milestones



milestones represent some of the last remaining physical evidence of the Macadamized Road as the toll structures were removed, the bridges replaced, and the road bed modernized.

The milestones are generally found at one mile intervals on the north side of County Road 2. It is known that within Ernestown Township, eight (8) of the milestones are at or close to their original resting places. Two (2) others original to the Ernestown section of the Road remain in existence outside of the Township.

The milestones are made of limestone and are square in section, averaging 12.5 to 13.5 inches per face, having an integral pyramidal top. Originally the stones may have been about 5 feet in length, the stones were set into the ground with about 1.5 to 2 feet above ground, and the diagonal of the stone section was perpendicular to the side of the road so that one side faced Napanee and the other Kingston. The faces were engraved, with the initial N. or K., for Napanee and Kingston respectively, below which were engraved the appropriate Roman numerals indicating the distance from the stone to the indicated town.

NOTICE OF OBJECTION

AND TAKE NOTICE that any person or agency may object to this proposed signiation by filing with the Clerk of the Corporation of the Township of Ernestown not later than the 25th day of November 1996 a Notice of Objection including reasons in support of the objection.

ANY questions on this matter should be directed to Murray Beckel, Planner, at 386-7351.

DATED at the Township of Ernestown this 26th day of October 1996.

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