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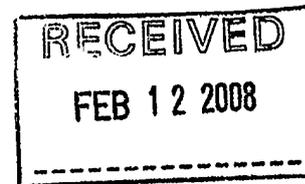
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February 8, 2008



Ontario Heritage Trust  
10 Adelaide Street East  
Toronto, Ontario  
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Dear Sir / Madam:

**RE: DESIGNATION OF MCDONALD HOUSE  
2482 MCDONALD ROAD, ELMVALE**

At the meeting of December 10, 2007, Springwater Township Council passed By-law No. 2007-118 to designate the McDonald House, located at 2482 McDonald Road, just north of the Village of Elmvale, under Part IV of the *Ontario Heritage Act*.

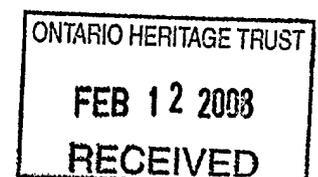
A copy of By-law No. 2007-118 is enclosed for your reference. Please accept this letter as our notice to the Ontario Heritage Trust as required under section 29. (6) of the *Ontario Heritage Act*.

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at (705) 728-4784 ext. 2042 or [jennifer.connor@springwater.ca](mailto:jennifer.connor@springwater.ca).

Sincerely,

Jennifer Connor, AMCT  
Deputy Clerk

Encl.



**THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF SPRINGWATER**

**BY-LAW NO. 2007-118**

**Being a by-law to designate the property located in South Part of Lot 69, Concession 1, former Township of Medonte, now in the Township of Springwater, in the County of Simcoe, and known municipally as 2482 McDonald Road, R.R. #3 Elmvale, and being Property Roll No. 4341 020 009 20300 0000, under Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act.**

**(Heritage Designation – McDonald House – 2482 McDonald Road)**

**WHEREAS** Part IV of the *Ontario Heritage Act*, R.S.O., as amended, provides that by-laws may be passed by Council designating properties of historic or architectural value;

**AND WHEREAS** the McDonald House located in South Part of Lot 69, Concession 1 in the former Township of Medonte, now in the Township of Springwater, and known municipally as 2482 McDonald Road, R.R. #3 Elmvale, and being Property Roll No. 4341 020 009 20300 0000 has been identified by the Township of Springwater Heritage Committee (LACAC) as being eligible for designation under Part IV of the *Ontario Heritage Act*;

**AND WHEREAS** Notice of Intention to pass a Designation Bylaw was given in accordance with Section 29 of the *Ontario Heritage Act* in the manner as set out in Schedule "C" of this By-law on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2007;

**AND WHEREAS** the property owner supports the heritage designation process;

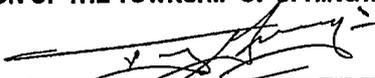
**AND WHEREAS** the Council of The Corporation of the Township of Springwater deems it desirable to designate the McDonald House as a property of historical and architectural value and interest under Part IV of the *Ontario Heritage Act*;

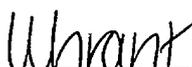
**NOW THEREFORE** the Council of The Corporation of the Township of Springwater enacts as follows:

1. THAT the McDonald House located in South Part of Lot 69, Concession 1 in the former Township of Medonte, now in the Township of Springwater, and known municipally as 2482 McDonald Road, R.R.#3 Elmvale, and having the legal description set out in Schedule "A" attached hereto and forming part of this By-law, is a property of historic and architectural value and interest.
2. THAT the Reasons for Designation set out in Schedule "B," attached hereto and forming part of this By-law, are hereby adopted.
3. THAT the Clerk shall cause a copy of this By-law, together with its Schedules to be registered against the property in the Land Registrar's Office for Simcoe County and shall serve a copy of the By-law together with its Schedules upon the property owner and the Ontario Heritage Trust.
4. THAT the Bylaw shall take force and effect upon final passage hereof.

**READ A FIRST, SECOND AND THIRD TIME AND FINALLY PASSED THIS 10<sup>th</sup> DAY OF DECEMBER, 2007**

**THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF SPRINGWATER**

  
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Mayor Tony Guergis

  
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Deputy Clerk Winanne Grant

Township of Springwater  
By-law No. 2007-118

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**THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF SPRINGWATER**

**BY-LAW NO. 2007-118**

**SCHEDULE "A"**

**LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

South Part of Lot 69, Concession 1, former Township of Medonte, Township of Springwater, County of Simcoe. RP 51R5695 PART 1 AND RP 51R9752 PART 5

**THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF SPRINGWATER**

**BY-LAW NO. 2007-118**

**SCHEDULE "B"**

**REASONS FOR DESIGNATION**

Historical background:

The house is located at 2482 McDonald Road, R.R. #3 Elmvale (located northeast of the Village of Elmvale), Concession 1, South Part Lot 69, former Township of Medonte.

This house was built in 1857 by Cooper John McDonald with his three sons, Owen, John and Thomas. The family was living in a pre-existing dwelling (circa 1840 and since torn down) while construction of the new house took place.

The McDonald family, Irish Catholic immigrants were the first settlers in the area. At one time, they owned 400 acres. The road has since been named after the family. In addition to the sons, there was also a daughter, Isabel. She married Patrick Sullivan, who died early in their marriage. After his death, Isabel moved into the family home with her two young children, Maggie and Joe, who lived in the house until 1975. The house was subsequently purchased by an American relative, and remained in the family until October 2006, when it was purchased by its current owner.

Architectural Features:

The house sits high on top of the hill, with open space on each side and looks unchanged since it was first built. The site offers neighbours and passersby a glimpse of what the area would have look like in the 1850s. The house is in excellent condition, on its original site, and substantially intact. It is constructed in the dovetail fashion of large square hand hewn logs from trees harvested from the property. The exterior logs are solid with little decay, perhaps protected by insulbrick for 30 years. One log on the north side has been replaced as well as the chinking. Initials can be seen carved into the ends of the logs. The interior partition walls are tongue and groove boards. The floors are tongue and groove planks. The foundation walls are full field stone, at least two feet thick. There are two original outbuildings still standing, as well as a bank barn foundation of stone and cordwood masonry. There was a summer kitchen at the rear; this has been replaced with a new kitchen addition.

Other Historical Facts

There was once a lumber camp on the north end of the property. From this, Cooper John McDonald made barrels. Owen McDonald had an agency for the sale of fruit trees with the W.C. Lawrence Co. of Guelph. An agreement signed in 1876 allowed Owen a 25% commission on sales of trees to Hillsdale or Lafontaine. Mrs. McDonald bought a standard pear tree from Chase Brothers in 1892 for 75 cents. Plum trees, located next to the house, are still producing good fruit.

Characteristics and Features worthy of designation and protection:

1. Solid exterior logs
2. Interior partition of tongue and groove boards
3. Floors of tongue and groove planks
4. Foundation walls of field stone and mortar

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF SPRINGWATER

BY-LAW NO. 2007-118

SCHEDULE C

AFFIDAVIT

I, Jennifer Connor, Deputy Clerk of The Corporation of the Township of Springwater, hereby swear or affirm that Notice of Intention to pass a by-law under Part IV of The Ontario Heritage Act was given in accordance with Subsection 29(3) of the Act, as follows:

1. Notice of Intention to pass a designation by-law for the McDonald House located at South Part of Lot 69, Concession 1 in the former Township of Medonte, now in the Township of Springwater, and known municipally as 2482 McDonald Road, R.R. #3 Elmvale, was published in the October 18<sup>th</sup>, 2007 edition of The Springwater Source in the Springwater News; and
2. Notice of Intention, together with a copy of the proposed Designation By-law and Schedules, were sent on the 18th day of October, 2007 to:
  - (i) Property Owner
  - (ii) Ontario Heritage Trust
3. Notice of Intention, together with a copy of the proposed Designation By-law and Schedules, were posted on or before the 18th day of October, 2007 at the following locations:
  - (i) Township Offices, Midhurst
  - (ii) Springwater Public Library branches (Midhurst, Minesing, Elmvale)
  - (iii) Township Municipal Web Site
4. Notice of Intention was provided in the Agenda package for the October 23, 2007 meeting of the Springwater Heritage Committee (LACAC).

SWORN OR AFFIRM before me  
at Midhurst, Ontario in the Township of Springwater,  
in the County of Simcoe  
this 10<sup>th</sup> day of ~~December, 2007~~ 2008  
*3rd January*

*A. Elaine Calmcross*  
COMMISSIONER OF OATHS

*Jennifer Connor*  
Deputy Clerk Jennifer Connor

Aaren Elaine Calmcross, a Commissioner, etc.,  
County of Simcoe, for The Corporation of the  
Township of Springwater. Expires June 10, 2007

**NOTICE OF INTENT**

**Under Section 29 of the Ontario Heritage Act**

**TAKE NOTICE** that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Springwater intends to pass a By-law under Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act.

**THE PURPOSE** of the By-law is to designate the "McDonald House" (built 1857) located at 2482 McDonald Rd, northeast of the Village of Elmvale as a historically significant feature in the Township of Springwater. The reasons for designation include solid exterior logs, interior partition of tongue and groove boards, floors of tongue and groove planks, foundation walls of field stone and mortar.

**A COPY OF THE DESIGNATION BY-LAW** together with the Reasons for Designation are posted at the Township Offices (Midhurst), Knox Building (Elmvale), the three branches of the Springwater Library and the Township website at [www.springwater.ca](http://www.springwater.ca).

**ANY PERSON** who objects to the passage of this designation by-law shall file a written objection with the Township Clerk by not later than 12:00 noon on the 28<sup>th</sup> day of November 2007. If no objection is received, this by-law will come forward for passage at the Regular Council Meeting to be held on December 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2007.

Dated at Midhurst, Ontario, this 18<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2007.

Carey deGorter, Clerk  
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