



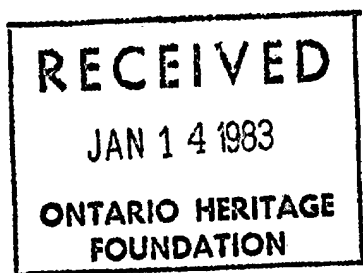
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Renfrew. ✓

MUNICIPAL OFFICES
128 RAGLAN ST., S.
RENFREW, ONTARIO

IN THE MATTER OF THE ONTARIO HERITAGE ACT, R.S.O. 1980,
CHAPTER 337

AND IN THE MATTER OF THE LANDS AND PREMISES AT THE FOLLOWING
MUNICIPAL ADDRESSES IN THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO DESIGNATE

To: Ontario Heritage Foundation
77 Bloor Street West
TORONTO, Ontario
M7A 2R9

TAKE NOTICE that the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Renfrew intends to designate the property, including lands and structure known municipally as the swinging bridge located on the Raglan Street road allowance as a property of historical value or interest under Part IV of The Ontario Heritage Act, R.S.O. 1980, Chapter 337:

Reasons for the Proposed Designation

In the year 1895 at the Second Chute of the Bonnechere River and at the foot of the Town's mainstreet a bridge was constructed of page woven coil spring wire. That bridge being the predecessor of the "swinging bridge". The swinging bridge is historically significant as a reminder of the Town's early development, particularly that adjacent to and north of the river. It is evidence of the early history of the town when the economy was based upon those riverside industries constructed under the progressive policies of Sir Francis Hincks. In the period 1850 to 1860 in close proximity to the bridge J.L. McDougall built his fine stone grist mill; John McRae built the wooden grist mill; William Logan built his woolen factory; Samuel Francis built his axe factory and Sir Francis (through his agent William McKay) constructed a saw mill as well as a number of other large buildings.

The old wire bridge was constructed by a few of the townsfolk at their own expense to serve the workers of the waterfront industries as well as the area residents. Residential development north of the river could also be attributed to Sir Francis, as he had laid down a plan for that part of the former village.

With the old wire bridge in a state of disrepair and the tragic loss of a life in 1913 the wire bridge was replaced by the swinging bridge designed by the Town Engineer Mr. J.R. Stewart and constructed by Mr. James McNicol. This historic swinging bridge, although altered slightly over the years, is certainly a unique reminder of our past.

Any person may, within thirty (30) days of the first publication of this notice, send by registered mail or deliver to the Clerk of the Town of Renfrew notice of his or her objection to the proposed designation together with a statement of the reasons for the objection and all relevant facts. If such Notice of Objection is received, the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Renfrew shall refer the matter to the Conservation Review Board for a hearing.

DATED at the Town of Renfrew this 12th day of January, 1983.

JAMES STEWART KENNEDY
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