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HERITAGE POLICY BRANCH

In the matter of the Ontario Heritage Act,
1990, R.S.O. Chapter 122

AND IN THE MATTER OF THE LANDS AND PREMISES
AT THE FOLLOWING MUNICIPAL ADDRESS 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 Port Elgin intends to designate the property, including lands and buildings, at the following municipal address as a property of architectural and/or historical value or interest under Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act, 1990, R.S.O. Chapter 122.

(a) **Municipal address:** Nodwell Park, Plan 817, Lot 51 to 74, and Block A.

Reasons for the proposed designation:

The Nodwell Site was the location of an Iroquoian palisade village. This site contains evidence of the only permanent prehistoric indigenous peoples village in Bruce County.

In 1971 an archaeological survey conducted jointly by the National Museum of Man and Royal Ontario Museum under the direction of Dr. J.V. Wright documented the site. This village consisted of twelve longhouses protected by a double stockade. The longhouses ranged in length from 42 feet to 139 feet with an average width of 23.5 feet. Archaeological evidence along with historic records that the families shared one hearth, indicate approximately 500 people lived in the settlement.

Radio-carbon dating and artifacts indicate the village was occupied in the mid-14th century. They were primarily farmers who also engaged in considerable hunting and fishing.

One of the artifacts was an unique stone maskequette with a blowing or sucking mouth that was possibly used for curing. The ceramic remains and other artifacts provided a picture of the lives of the site's occupants.

This is a significant archaeological site that has provided a wealth of information on the culture of the indigenous people of this region in the mid-14th century.

Notice of Objection to the proposed designation, together with a statement of the reasons for the objection and all relevant facts may be served on the Clerk of the Town of Port Elgin before the 10th day of June, 1993.

Dated at Port Elgin this 7th day of May, 1993.


Chief Administrative Officer