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THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF WHITBY

In the Regional Municipality of Durham

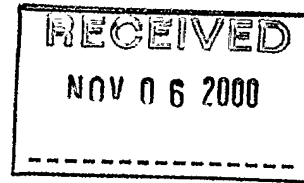
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November 3, 2000  
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Re: Building No. 32 of the Former Whitby Psychiatric Hospital  
Part of Lots 29 and 30, Broken Front Concession, Town of Whitby  
Heritage Designation, Part IV  
The Ontario Heritage Act

At a meeting held on October 23, 2000, the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Whitby approved Planning director's Report, Item 236-00, to designate the Building No. 32 of the Former Whitby Psychiatric Hospital located on property designated as Part of Lots 29 and 30, Broken Front Concession, Whitby, as a Heritage Structure under Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act.

Town Council has instructed that staff draft the necessary by-law, together with the reasons for designation for Council's approval.

Enclosed is a copy of the Notice of Intent to Designate which will appear in the November 8<sup>th</sup>, 2000 issue of Whitby This Week.

Further information regarding the designation can be obtained by contacting Mr. John Taylor, Secretary of L.A.C.A.C. at 430-4306 extension 2275.

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**THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF WHITBY  
IN THE MATTER OF THE ONTARIO HERITAGE ACT, R.S.O. 1990, c. 0.18  
AND THE MATTER OF  
LANDS AND PREMISES AT  
BUILDING NO. 32 OF THE FORMER WHITBY PSYCHIATRIC HOSPITAL  
PROVINCE OF ONTARIO**

**NOTICE OF INTENT TO DESIGNATE**

TAKE NOTICE that the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Whitby intends to designate the property, including the lands and building, at the following municipal address as property of historical and architectural value or interest under Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act, R.S.O. 1990, c. 0.18.

**Building No. 32 of the Former Whitby Psychiatric Hospital  
Part of Lots 29 and 30, Broken Front Concession  
Whitby, Ontario**

**REASON FOR DESIGNATION OF PART OF LOTS 29 AND 30, BROKEN FRONT CONCESSION**

**Historical**

In January 1996, the Ontario Realty Corporation commissioned Stevens Burgess Architects, Ltd. to complete a Property Master Plan Study for the Old Whitby Psychiatric Hospital. Part of the study included a Heritage Significance Study.

The Old Whitby Psychiatric Hospital is Ontario's most outstanding example of the successful integration of the best in mental health treatment theories of the early 20<sup>th</sup> Century, the latest in landscape planning, architectural design and construction practice. The site, with its gentle topography and beautiful views, was the ideal setting for architecture designed in human scale and natural materials.

Planning for the Hospital began in 1911, upon Provincial Secretary William John Hanna's recommendation to the government of James Pliny Whitney.

The Site was acquired during 1912 and was made up of farms purchased or expropriated from a dozen different families.

Construction of the first cottage hospital began in May 1913, and additional buildings rose rapidly.

The Hospital for the Insane, Whitby (as it was first known) opened officially in October 1919 with the majority of patients moving to the site in January 1920. Construction continued until 1925. During the early years of construction (1917 - 1920), the site was occupied by the Military Hospital Commission.

The buildings, none of which were more than two storeys in height, were designed to be generally domestic in scale, character and detailing. Seven buildings had central ventilation cupolas or belvederes. They served, along with the powerhouse stack (Building No. 32), as landmarks and points of orientation from anywhere on the site.

**Building No. 32**

Building No. 32 (the powerhouse) was constructed in 1916, with a Firehall addition completed in 1918. The building served as a boiler house and service distribution centre for the entire site where heating and electrical services were required.

The building was designed by James Govan, an Architect with the Department of Provincial Secretary.

The building was constructed with reinforced concrete footings, wall and equipment bases with a concrete floor slab on grade. The building is one storey, with extra height to provide space for equipment and coal bunkers in the boiler room. The same height continues in other areas allowing for several levels, a mezzanine and a west entrance at a higher grade level.

A fire hall wing was added at the north/west corner in the same style and materials in 1918. A wing was also added in 1955 to house electrical equipment near the south end of the building. A diesel room was also added to the west wing in 1963. Some other minor alterations have occurred on the facades especially the blocking-in of many of the tall windows on each facade.

The original design generally is intact despite some minor alterations. The changes do not appear to have diminished the design integrity of this structure.

This industrial type service building, designed to relate closely to the architecture of all other buildings on the site, is an important structure when interpreting the original concept of near self-sufficiency in the generation and distribution of site services.

Any person may, before December 8th, 2000 send by registered mail or deliver to the Clerk of the Town of Whitby, notice of his or her objection to the proposed designation together with a statement of reasons for the objection and all relevant facts. If such a notice of objection is received, the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Whitby will refer the matter to the Conservation Review Board for a hearing.

DATED at the Town of Whitby this 8th day of November, 2000.

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