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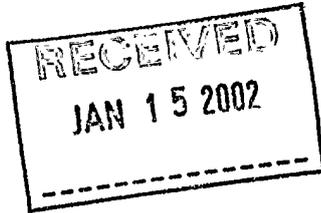
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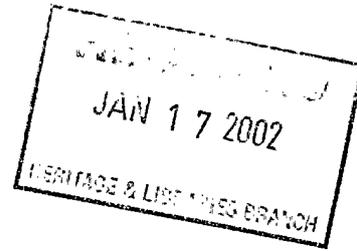
MUNICIPAL BUILDING  
575 Rossland Road East  
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Kevin Doble Properties Ltd.  
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Re: Buildings No. 1 through 8, 22 and 28  
of the Former Whitby Psychiatric Hospital  
Part of Lots 29 and 30, Broken Front Concession  
Town of Whitby  
Heritage Designation, Part IV  
The Ontario Heritage Act



At a meeting held on December 10, 2001, the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Whitby approved Planning Director's Report, Item 251-01, to designate Buildings No. 1 through 8, 22 and 28 of the Former Whitby Psychiatric Hospital and being composed of 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 January 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2002 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 THE FOLLOWING MUNICIPAL ADDRESS  
PART OF LOT 29 AND 30, BROKEN FRONT CONCESSION  
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.

**Buildings No. 1 Through 8, 22 and 28 of the Former  
Whitby Psychiatric Hospital  
Whitby, Ontario**

**REASON FOR DESIGNATION OF PART OF LOT 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.

**Building No. 1 Through 8**

Building No. 1 through 8 were constructed in 1917. The Military Convalescence hospital used them between 1917-1920. Building No. 1, 2 and 5 to 8 were used for "mobile" women's patient dormitories, day rooms and service rooms. Building No. 3 was used to accommodate nurses until 1923. Building No. 4 was used for administration until 1924 and Building No. 6 was opened as an adolescent centre in 1967 and refitted for 20 patients. Usage changed as the need dictated in different periods. Additions included an enclosed fire stair with a shed roof at the back of the rear wing on cottages 1, 2 and 4. A steel fire escape from the upper verandah to grade at centre of the front elevation has been added to all except cottage 8.

The buildings were designed by James Govan, an Architect with the Department of Provincial Secretary.

The buildings were constructed with concrete footings and 12" concrete walls, with concrete lintels over the windows. The buildings are two stories, with the first floor being flat slab concrete and tile insert panels with the second and attic space floors being precast concrete "Siegwart" beams. Exterior 8" clay tile walls have 8" x 16" pilasters at regular intervals. The exterior tile walls include solid brick corners and bearing points.

This planned informality of the cottages together with continuity retained from the original architectural design concept preserves the quality and humane character of the grouping originally conceived.

**Building No. 22**

Building No. 22 was constructed in 1918 and served as a residence for doctors and later for a variety of ancillary services. No additions were added except for maintenance indiscretions. The interior has been altered somewhat for the original use resulting in the two units being joined through the party wall to allow for the building to function as one unit and use.

This building was also designed by James Govan.

The building is one and a half storey that was constructed with concrete footings and clay tile foundation walls with lintels above the windows. It has masonry bearing walls and wood joist construction.

This building is a fundamental architectural element of the original site plan and building layout. The Doctor's Residence building and the Administration Building were the only buildings on the site centred on the main central axis of the original site plan. It remains as a prominent focal element of the site with it's original design form and all construction materials still intact.

**Building No. 28**

This building was constructed in 1917, with steel stair additions from all fire exits installed on the north and south facades. A clerestory skylight has been removed from the stage area. A new mechanical ventilating system and duct work was also added later. Building No. 28 served as a recreational, entertainment centre and canteen for convalescing soldiers while the building was used by the Military Hospital Commission between 1917 and 1920. Similar use by patients and hospital staff commenced in 1920 and continued programmes adapted to the required needs.

This building was also designed by James Govan.

The building was constructed with concrete footings and clay tile brick walls (width varies), with steel lintel above windows.

The integrity of the building design and it's uses have been preserved.

As stated in section 4.7.3.6 of the Official Plan, the Town will encourage the Province of Ontario to examine the feasibility of protecting building No. 28 within the Whitby Mental Health Centre.

Any person may, before February 22nd, 2002 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 23rd day of January, 2002.

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