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THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF HUNTSVILLE

By-Law Number 88-61

A By-Law to Designate the Property known municipally as **Huntsville Station**, Station Road, Huntsville, as being of Architectural and Historical Value or Interest.

WHEREAS Section 29 of The Ontario Heritage Act, 1974 authorizes the Council of a municipality to enact by-laws to designate real property, including all buildings and structures thereon, to be architectural or historic value or interest;

AND WHEREAS the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Huntsville has caused to be served on the owners of the lands and premises known as the "**Huntsville Station**", Station Road, Huntsville, Ontario and upon the Ontario Heritage Foundation, notice of intention to so designate the aforesaid real property and has caused such notice of intention to be published in the same newspaper having general circulation in the municipality once for each of three consecutive weeks;


AND WHEREAS no notice of objection to the proposed designation has been served on the Clerk of the Municipality;

NOW THEREFORE the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Huntsville enacts as follows:

1. There is designated as being of architectural and historical value or interest the real property known as the "**Huntsville Station**", Station Road, Huntsville, Ontario, more particularly described in Schedule "A" attached hereto.
2. The Municipal Solicitor is hereby authorized to cause a copy of this by-law to be registered against the property described in Schedule "A" attached hereto, in the proper land registry office.
3. The Clerk is hereby authorized to cause a copy of this by-law to be served on the owner of the aforesaid property and on the Ontario Heritage Foundation and to cause notice of the passing of this by-law to be published in the same newspaper having general circulation in the municipality once for each three consecutive weeks.

READ a first time this 11th day of April A.D., 1988.


MAYOR


CLERK

READ a second and third time and finally passed this 11th day of
April A.D., 1988.



MAYOR



CLERK

REASONS FOR DESIGNATION

HUNTSVILLE STATION - STATION ROAD, HUNTSVILLE, ONTARIO (LOT 12, CONCESSION 1, CHAFFEY WARD, TOWN OF HUNTSVILLE)

The Station is situated on the southeast shore of Hunter's Bay. The railway lines separate the building from the water's edge.

The Station is rectangular in plan and constructed of red and buff-orange brick with wooden eaves, window frames and trim. The large hipped roof has deeply overhanging eaves and flared roof edge metal spun "barn lights" are attached to the eaves. The Station has an open porch at the east end, and a central bay on the north side. The base of the building has 15 courses of red brick, which terminate in a continuous soldier course that provides a sill for all the double hung windows. The red brick is laid in regular running bond, while the buff-orange brick that comprises the rest of the masonry walls is laid in Flemish bond.

The deep wooden soffit is faced with 1 1/2" wide painted tongue and groove boards that run parallel to the building face. Decorative wooden rafters begin at the junction of the soffit and the roof pitch and these extend past the eave of the roof. These rafters are located approximately 2 feet on centre. Some areas of the soffit, decorative rafters and fascia are in need of repair.

The large porch at the east end of the building has a hipped roof supported by 2 large square brick columns. Wooden brackets hold each end of the wood trimmed beams that frame into the columns and the end wall of the Station. The ceiling in the central portion of the porch is faced with painted 4" wide tongue and groove boards. The eave of the hipped roof over the central bay on the north side of the Station is higher than the eave line for the rest of the building.

There are 2 types of windows in the building - one being a double hung with 2 or 4 lites and the other being a small almost square window with 4 lites and a fixed sash. The windows are placed together in groups of twos, threes and fours. A group of 4 small windows is located in the middle of the east and west elevations. The south elevation has a pair of small windows at each end. The remaining windows that flank either side of the passenger entrance are double hung. The north elevation has a freight door at either end, one door is constructed of wood and the other, a later addition, is constructed of metal. The passenger entrance is located west of the central bay. This wooden door has side lites and transom lites above.

The Station is a landmark building situated on the south shore of Hunter's Bay, just west of the downtown core. The plan and detailing of the building are simple, but pleasing. The large roof with its slight flare and generous overhang is typical of "turn of the century" railway architecture and is unique in the Town of Huntsville. Care should be taken to preserve the generous roof, exterior brick windows, and decorative wood trim.

Historically, the Huntsville Station represents the development of the Town and its rail transportation. The first station, a board and batten structure, was built in 1885, when the Northern & Pacific Junction came to Huntsville. In 1892, the railway became the Grand Trunk Railway, and in 1923 - the Canadian National Railway.

In 1924 a new station, the present buff coloured brick one, was built. It has served the community well over the years. In 1977, the Ontario Northland Railway commenced to use the facility. Via Rail bought the Station in July 1986, while the adjacent land belongs to the Canadian National. A portion of this land is leased to Via Rail for a 20 year period. Since January 1988, the Station is only open during train arrivals and departures.

There are presently 4 passengers' trains daily, 2 northbound and 2 southbound. There are the same number of freight trains daily.
