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NOTICE OF INTENT

pursuant to the provisions of the Ontario Heritage Act (R.S.O. 1990, Chapter 0.18):

Take notice that the Council of the Municipality of the Township of Russell intends to pass a bylaw under Section 29 of the *Ontario Heritage Act*, R.S.O. 1990, Chapter 0.18, to designate the property at: 1122 Concession Street in Russell, Ontario.

The property legally described as Part of Lot A on Plan HO Wood 1865 being Part 1 on Plan 50R-10321, and also known as the Russell Land Registry Office, to be of cultural heritage value and interest.

The Russell Land Registry Office is a one-storey brick structure constructed in 1874-75; it is located on a .040-hectare lot at a prominent corner on the Village's main street. The original building stands with a high degree of integrity; the proposed designation does not include the one-storey wood frame and brick addition built in 1978/9.

The heritage value of the Russell Land Registry Office resides in its history and architecture. The building is associated with the provincial government's role in ensuring that land registration was undertaken in a uniform manner across Ontario. Built to a standard plan developed by the Department of Public Works in 1868, the Russell Land Registry Office was one of several constructed in counties across Ontario during the late 19th century.

In their design and fireproof construction techniques that included stone foundations, double brick walls and barrel vaulted room structure, the registry offices reflected the paramount importance placed on the safety of land registration documents by the Province in the 19th century. This is exemplified by the fact the Russell Land Registry Office was one of only a few buildings to survive (with the exception of its timber and slate roof) a major fire in 1915, that destroyed over 20 buildings in the Village.

Additional information, including a full description of the reasons for designation, is available upon request from: **Dominique Tremblay, Director of Planning and Building Departments at 613-443-3066, ext. 2317, or at dominiquetremblay@russell.ca** during regular business hours.

Any notice of objection, setting out the reason for objection and all relevant facts, must be served upon the Municipal Clerk within 30 days of this notice.

Dated at the Township of Russell, this 2nd day of November, 2015.

**Joanne Camiré-Laflamme, Municipal Clerk
Township of Russell**