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December 11, 2023

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Please find enclosed a Notice of Intention to Designate for the property known municipally as 1475 Highway 7A, Geographic Township of Manvers.

The last date for objections is January 9, 2024. If no objections are filed by 4:00 p.m. on that date with the clerk of the municipality, Council will proceed to pass a bylaw designating the property at the next available Council meeting.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

Emily Turner
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Notice: Intention to Designate Property under the Ontario Heritage Act

Take Notice that the Council of the City of Kawartha Lakes, on November 21, 2023, passed a resolution of intent to designate the following property under Section 29 of the Ontario Heritage Act, R.S.O. 1990, c.18, as a property of cultural heritage value or interest:

1475 Highway 7A, Geographic Township of Manvers
PT LT 23 CON 8 MANVERS AS IN MV69279; KAWARTHA LAKES

Statement of Reasons for Designation

Design and Physical Value

1475 Highway 7A has design and physical value as a representative example of a small-town bank branch constructed in the early twentieth century. Constructed in 1920 to the design of noted Peterborough architect W.R.L. Blackwell, the building demonstrates key features found in bank design at this time, including the use of a restrained Edwardian Classical style in the first two decades of the twentieth century. It is a well-executed example of this type of structure, but holds further significance in Bethany as the hamlet's only bank building and as the only building executed in this style in the community.

Historical and Associative Value

1475 Highway 7A has historical and associative value as Bethany's only purpose built bank. Through its historical role as the Bank of Toronto and later TD Bank, the property yields information regarding the commercial development of Bethany throughout the nineteenth and early twentieth century as a primary settlement area and commercial hub for Manvers Township as well as the development of banking in rural Ontario around the turn of the twentieth century when banks expanded into smaller communities through the construction of new branches. It has direct historical associations with the history of banking and of commercial growth in Bethany. In addition to its important historical role within the community, the building was designed by prominent Peterborough architect W.R.L. Blackwell who was one of the preferred architects of the Bank of Toronto in the 1920s when this building was constructed, and an important architect in the Peterborough and Kawartha Lakes region for his wide array of designs in communities across both counties.



Contextual Value

475 Highway 7A has contextual value as a defining feature of downtown Bethany and a local landmark. The property is a defining feature of the historic streetscape of Highway 7A which forms the commercial core of the hamlet and supports and maintains its historic small town character as a key nineteenth-century commercial building. The building is also a local landmark for its longstanding presence in the community and former role as the hamlet's only bank, and the main bank serving the wider rural community.

Further information respecting the proposed designation is available at the City's Economic Development Department. Any objection to this designation must be filed within 30 days of December 11, 2023. Objections should be directed to: Cathie Richie, Clerk, City of Kawartha Lakes, P.O. Box 9000, 26 Francis Street, Lindsay, ON K9V 5R8. Objections may be filed electronically at clerks@kawarthalakes.ca.

Any inquiries may be directed to:

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