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TOWNSHIP OF LAKE OF BAYS  
1012 Dwight Beach Rd  
Dwight, ON P0A 1H0

September 13, 2023

Ontario Heritage Trust  
Executive Director's Office  
10 Adelaide Street East  
Toronto, ON M5C 1J3

Dear Sir or Madame:

**RE: Intention to Designate (Hemlock & Birch Cabins)**  
**Property Roll No.: 4427-010-015-01900**  
**Civic Address: 1431 Port Cunnington Road**

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Pursuant to the Ontario Heritage Act, R.S.O., as amended, please be advised that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Lake of Bays passed the following resolution at the last regular meeting on September 12, 2023:

**"Resolution TC-209-2023**

**WHEREAS Council of the Corporation of the Township of Lake of Bays hereby receives the staff report "Intention to Designate – Totem Lodge (Hemlock and Birch Cabins), Property Roll No. 4427-010-015-01900, Civic Address: 1431 Port Cunnington Road", dated September 12, 2023.**

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Lake of Bays hereby authorizes the Heritage Advisory Committee to publish a Notice of Intention to Designate the Totem Lodge Property, located on Part Lot 20, Concession 6, in the geographic Township of Franklin, now in the Township of Lake of Bays, known municipally as 1431 Port Cunnington Road and being Property Roll No. 4427-010-015-01900.**

**Carried"**

A copy of the formal Notice of Intention to Designate is attached for your records.

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As well, please be advised that a short-form copy of the Notice will be published in the September 14, 2023 and September 21, 2023 edition of the muskokaregion.com newspaper and a formal copy of the Notice will be posted at the following sites:

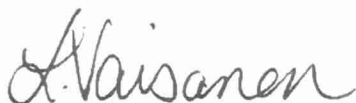
- Township website at: <https://lakeofbays.civicweb.net/document/90974>

Council intends to pass the Heritage Designation By-law, after 30 days from the publication of the notice, at the November 14, 2023 Council meeting.

I trust this submission is satisfactory.

Should you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me by email at [lvaisanen@lakeofbays.on.ca](mailto:lvaisanen@lakeofbays.on.ca) or by telephone at (705) 635-2272 ext. 1250.

Yours truly,



Laura Vaisanen  
Deputy Clerk

Enclosure(s)

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IN THE MATTER OF THE ONTARIO HERITAGE ACT, R.S.O. 1990, CHAPTER 0.18, AS  
AMENDED, AND IN THE MATTER OF THE LANDS AND PREMISES AT THE  
FOLLOWING MUNICIPAL ADDRESS IN THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO

**NOTICE OF INTENTION TO DESIGNATE**

**TAKE NOTICE** that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Lake of Bays intends to designate the following municipal address as being of cultural heritage value or interest under Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act, R.S.O. 1990, Chapter 0.18, as amended.

**1431 PORT CUNNINGTON ROAD**

**Description of Property** Totem Lodge is located on Port Cunnington Road, Lake of Bays on 2.66 acres consisting of two cabins with attached decks, a detached garage, two framed sheds and two docks.

**Statement of Cultural Heritage Value or Interest** The property was purchased by Archie Hambleton, an industrial arts teacher and his wife Mildred, who taught home economics from Buffalo, New York in 1928 where they built a one-story log cabin called "Birch Cabin" in 1931 using leftover logs from the North Star two-storey cabin across Haystack Bay. In 1934 Archie completed a two-story cabin called the "Hemlock Cabin". By the early 1940's the Totem Lodge was a fully running camp with five cabins in total (Spruce, Birch, Hemlock, Cedar, and Forest). Archie and Mildred erected a roadside, hand carved totem pole to welcome guests which still stands today.

Totem Lodge demonstrates contextual value as it was an example of early European settler log cabin construction with unique style and craftsmanship. The property has historical value through its connection to early tourism in Dwight. As an industrial arts teacher, Archie planned every building he constructed. He made a miniature model of each cabin before any construction. Original chinking and oakum, windows & doors of both cabins allows for the property to continue to exhibit a simple life with the exception of electricity and an indoor washroom that was installed in the cottage. Other than the previously mentioned items, the property remains in its original state.

**Description of Heritage Attributes**

**Birch Cabin:**

- Exterior Features:
  - ✓Handcrafted 1-story log cabin;
  - ✓Plain horizontal log & chinking of plaster;
  - ✓Fixed & small-paned windows;

- ✓Handcrafted wooden shutters
  - ✓Wooden framed screen door
  - ✓Wooden front door with brass thumb latch handle;
  - ✓Brass door knocker;
  - ✓Front - Gable pitched roof;
  - ✓Wooden veranda rails;
- Interior Features:
    - ✓Original hardwood flooring;
    - ✓Plain horizontal log & chinking walls;
    - ✓Original hardwood ceiling;
    - ✓Barn door thumb latch handles;
    - ✓Copper door handles;
    - ✓Original stone & brick fireplace with totems & plaque;
    - ✓Original wooden wardrobe
    - ✓Skylight

Hemlock Cabin:

- Exterior Features:
  - ✓Hand-crafted 2 story log cabin with dormers;
  - ✓Dove-tail cornered;
  - ✓Fixed & small-paned windows;
  - ✓Handcrafted wooden shutters
  - ✓Wooden framed screen door
  - ✓Log front door with brass thumb latch handle;
  - ✓Woodpecker door knocker;
  - ✓Side - Gable pitched roof;
  - ✓Wooden veranda rails;
- Interior Features:
  - ✓Hand-hewn hemlock staircase
  - ✓Single tree stair railing
  - ✓Stone fireplace
  - ✓Birds-eye kitchen countertops, dining table with built in benches;
  - ✓Pully-system dormer windows & skylight
  - ✓Wooden stair railings

Objections to the proposed designation must be received by the Clerk of the Township of Lake of Bays by Registered Mail or hand-delivered together with a statement of the reasons for the objection and all relevant facts, not later than **4:00 p.m. on the 13<sup>th</sup> day of October 2023**. Objections will be referred to the Conservation Review Board for a hearing and report.

Carrie Sykes, Clerk,  
1012 Dwight Beach Road,  
Dwight, Ontario P0A 1H0

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