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THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF ORANGEVILLE

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March 23, 2001

Attention: Allan Gotlieb, Chair  
Ontario Heritage Foundation  
10 Adelaide Street East  
Toronto, Ontario  
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Dear Mr. Gotlieb:

Re: Notice of Passing of Heritage By-law  
Town of Orangeville  
Mill Park – 20 Church Street

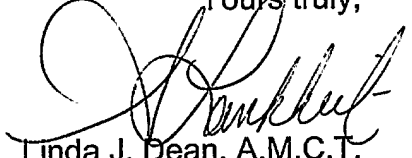
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Please be advised that Orangeville Council, at the meeting held on March 12<sup>th</sup>, 2001, passed by-law No. 27-2001 for the purpose of designating the above-noted property, as being of architectural and historical value or interest.

This by-law was passed to repeal by-law No. 18-2001, passed February 26<sup>th</sup>, 2001, as the legal description was in an unregistrable form.

The attached notice of the passing of the by-law will be published in the Orangeville Banner newspaper on Friday March 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2001. Attached is a certified copy of the by-law, which is being provided to you in accordance with Section 29(6) of the Ontario Heritage Act, R.S.O. 1990, Chapter O.18.

Yours truly,

  
Linda J. Dean, A.M.C.T.  
Town Clerk

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## **THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF ORANGEVILLE**

### **NOTICE OF PASSING OF HERITAGE BY-LAW**

IN THE MATTER OF THE ONTARIO HERITAGE ACT, 1990 R.S.O. CHAPTER O.18

AND IN THE MATTER OF THE LANDS AND PREMISES known as the Mill Park, situated at the south west corner of Mill and Little York Streets (Part of Lot 23 and Part of Lot 25, Block 6, Plan 138, as in MF86741, MF191643 & OR10433, except Part 1, Reference Plan 7R-2662 & OR1959, municipally known as 20 Church Street, in the Town of Orangeville, in the County of Dufferin, in the Province of Ontario.

**TAKE NOTICE** that the Council of the Town of Orangeville has passed By-law Number 27-2001 to designate the property known as the Mill Park, situated at the south west corner of Mill and Little York Streets, as being of architectural and historical value or interest under Part IV of The Ontario Heritage Act, R. S. O., 1990, Chapter O.18.

PUBLISHED ON THE 23<sup>RD</sup> DAY OF MARCH, 2001.

Linda J. Dean  
Town Clerk  
87 Broadway  
Orangeville, Ontario  
941-0440



## CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF ORANGEVILLE

BY-LAW NUMBER 27-2001

**A BY-LAW TO DESIGNATE THE PROPERTY KNOWN AS THE MILL PARK SITUATED AT THE SOUTH WEST CORNER OF MILL AND LITTLE YORK STREETS, AS BEING OF ARCHITECTURAL AND HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE, AND TO REPEAL BY-LAW 18-2001.**

WHEREAS Section 29 of the Ontario Heritage Act, R.S.O., 1990 authorizes the Council of a municipality to enact by-laws to designate real property, including all buildings and structures thereon, to be of architectural or historic value or interest;

AND WHEREAS the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Orangeville has caused to be served upon the owner of the aforesaid real property and to 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 a newspaper having general circulation in the municipality;


BE IT THEREFORE ENACTED by the Municipal Council of the Corporation of the Town of Orangeville as follows:

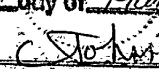
1. There is designated as being of architectural and historical value or interest the site located on the real property described as Part of Lot 23 and Part of Lot 25, Block 6, Plan 138, as in MF86741, MF191643 & OR10433, except Part 1, Reference Plan 7R-2662 & OR1959, municipally known as 20 Church Street (Mill Park), Town of Orangeville.
2. The reasons for designation of the site located at the south west corner of Mill and Little York Streets, municipally known as 20 Church Street (Mill Park), Town of Orangeville, is more particularly described in Schedule "A" attached hereto.
3. The Clerk is hereby authorized to cause a copy of this by-law to be registered against the property described herein, municipally known as 20 Church Street (Mill Park) in the Land Titles Division of Dufferin (No. 7).
4. The Clerk is hereby authorized to cause a copy of this by-law to be served on the owner of the aforesaid real property and on the Ontario Heritage Foundation and to cause notice of the passing of this by-law to be published in a newspaper having general circulation in the municipality.
5. That by-law 18-2001 be repealed.

READ A FIRST, SECOND AND THIRD TIME AND PASSED IN OPEN COUNCIL

THIS 12<sup>th</sup> DAY OF MARCH, 2001.

  
Drew Brown, Mayor

  
Linda J. Dean, Clerk

Certified a true copy of By-law/  
Resolution Number 27-2001  
passed by the Municipal Council of  
the Town of Orangeville on the  
12th day of March, 2001  
  
Dep. Town Clerk

Schedule "A"

**Town of Orangeville**  
**Criteria for Designation**

*Mill Park*

Pt. of Lot 23 and Part of Lot 25, Plan 138  
As in MF86741, MF191643 & OR10433,  
Except Part 1, Reference Plan 7R-2662 & OR1959

(More particularly described as Parts 1, 2, 3 and part of part 4  
Reference Plan 7R-2482)

20 Church Street, Orangeville

## Criteria for Designation – *Mill Park*

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### Summary

The site known now as Mill Park has been a focal point of the community since 1856. The ruins of the Jull Mill (sometimes known as the Orange Lawrence Mill) and the natural attributes of Mill Creek lend themselves to development of a significant downtown resource and an important link in the Orangeville Trail system. The site is proposed for designation because of its historical significance.

### Historical & Biographical note:

This site has a long and complicated history (see details in Appendix A) which culminated in 1991 with the demolition of the mill.

Orangeville developed along the banks of what we now know as Mill Creek (also called Springbrook Creek). During the first half of the 19<sup>th</sup> century, it was a stream of considerable size and flow, powering several saw, flour and woolen mills.

The property known as Mill Park was at the time called the Mill Square, and was purchased in 1844 by Orange Lawrence. He sold the site (with the ruins of gristmill) in 1857 to the firm of Jull and Reid, millers and both sons-in-law of Lawrence. Jull and Reid built a three story stone mill on the site. The partnership broke up in 1859, with Thomas Jull staying on as owner. He left the day to day running of the mill to his son, Orange Jull. This grandson of Orange Lawrence patented a turbine wheel and penstock, which he installed at the mill. Jull later received international acclaim for his invention of the rotary snowplough that cleared snow from railway tracks.

The mill was sold in 1876 to Johnadab Hardy, and then passed through a succession of owners. At it's peak of production, the stone mill produced 75 barrels of flour a day, including "Pride of Dufferin" pastry flour. Electricity was installed in 1913, removing the mill's dependence on the creek. Early in the 20<sup>th</sup> century the mill ceased flour production and became a gristmill again, producing animal feed for local farmers.

Despite the demolition of the mill, the potential remains for development of the ruins into a park with great interpretive value highlighting Orangeville's industrial and natural heritage. A number of uses can be envisioned for the space including space for market activities, outdoor drama, gardens and contemplative activities. A revitalized Mill Park would be a focal point at the end of Mill Street and would enhance the commercial core and central business district. The park currently provides open space for the established neighbourhoods south of Broadway and

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as such is used by numerous residents. The creek holds a particular fascination for children.

Designation of the site would allow the Town to take advantage of provincial funding initiatives such as the Heritage Challenge Fund.

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### Appendix A – Chronology of Events concerning Mill Park

- 1844 Orange Lawrence purchases mill site property
- 1857 sold land to his sons-in-law, John W. Reid and Thomas Jull
- 1876 sold to Johnadab Hardy
- 1890 sold to John Moody, produces Diamond Monck Flour  
sold to Edward and Hector Moody
- 1905 sold to Henry Watt. Watt produces flour and feed. "Gold Anchor" and  
"Pride of Dufferin" popular brands.
- 1910 fire damages mill, new mansard style roof installed
- 1921 sold to William Hopkins
- 1928 sold to Robert Gardiner
- 1939 water wheel removed
- 1940 sold to M. Armstrong
- 1947 sold to William Raven
- 1950 sold to John Wilson
- 1954 sold to Mr. Fred Stagg
- 1977 Town of Orangeville purchased mill from Mr. Fred Stagg
- 1978 Mill designated under the Ontario Heritage Act
- 1982 Council authorizes the Orange Lawrence Mill Feasibility Study
- 1985 Staff recommends demolition of mill, development of park
- 1986 Orangeville Heritage Corporation incorporated to purchase mill and  
prepare for private redevelopment. Funds raised.
- 1986 Mill Square Park developed by Town on the retained 31,000 square feet.
- 1986 Town sold the mill, 1 foot of surrounding land and easements to the  
Orangeville Heritage Corporation.
- 1989 Orangeville Heritage Corporation accepts offer of Purchase and Sale by  
R. J. Long, in trust, to re-develop the Mill.
- 1991 Mill de-designated.
- 1991 Mill demolished.
- 2000 Karen Rosenbrock retained to produce preliminary drawings for site.



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Appendix B – Sources

The Orange Lawrence Mill report, 1989, by R. J. Long, P. Eng.

*Symbol of Town's Past – The Old Chopping Mill*, by Steve Brown

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