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December 8, 2011

Ontario Heritage Trust
10 Adelaide Street East
Toronto, Ontario
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Dear Sir / Madam:

RE: OLD PENETANGUISHENE ROAD ALLOWANCE/TRAIL

I am writing to advise that the Township of Springwater (via the Springwater Heritage Committee) is moving forward with the designation of the Old Penetanguishene Road Allowance/Trail under Part IV the *Ontario Heritage Act*.

Notice of Intent was issued to the public via an advertisement in the *Springwater News* newspaper on December 8, 2011, and direct notification was issued to the property owner. Barring any formal objections, the designation by-law will be considered by Township Council on January 16, 2012. Please accept this letter as our notice to the Ontario Heritage Trust as required under section 29(3) of the *Ontario Heritage Act*.

In the event that you have any questions about this process, please do not hesitate to contact me at (705) 728-4784 ext. 2042 or erin.devreede@springwater.ca.

Sincerely,



Erin DeVreede
Deputy Clerk

Encl.

**NOTICE OF INTENTION TO DESIGNATE
OLD PENETANGUISHENE ROAD ALLOWANCE/TRAIL**

TAKE NOTICE that the Council of the Township of Springwater intends to designate the property known municipally as the Old Penetanguishene Road/Trail, more particularly described as PT RDAL BTN TWP OF FLOS & TWP OF MEDONTE LYING S OF PT 1, R0731635 & N OF PT 2, R07311635; SPRINGWATER; PIN 58371-0135 AND PT RDAL BTN TWP OF FLOS & TWP OF MEDONTE ABUTTING LT 61,62,63 & 64; ORO-MEDONTE; SPRINGWATER; PIN 58375-0100 AND PT RDAL BTN TWP OF FLOS & TWP OF MEDONTE BTN COUNTY RD 30 & ORR LAKE; SPRINGWATER; PIN 58374-0345 AND PT RDAL BTN TWP OF FLOS & TWP OF MEDONTE BTN HWY 93 & 51R28288; PT LT 1 PL 342 ORR LAKE; PT LT 2 PL 342 ORR LAKE PT 4, 51R29202; PT RDAL BTN TWP OF FLOS & TWP OF MEDONTE CLOSED BY R01408449, PT 1 51R28288; SPRINGWATER; PIN 58374-0482 now in the Township of Springwater, as a property of cultural heritage value under Part IV of the *Ontario Heritage Act* R.S.O. 1990, Chapter O.18. The designation applies to the entire road allowance but does not include the travelled portion of Old Penetanguishene Road in part of PIN 58371-0135 and PIN 58375-0100.

THE PURPOSE of the by-law is to designate the "Old Penetanguishene Road Allowance/Trail" as a property of cultural heritage value in the Township of Springwater. The reasons for designation include but are not limited to the road/trail being an example of an early roadway surveyed and constructed for the military. It has historical and associative value due to its association with early military activity in Canada. It is also historically significant as it was surveyed prior to the Townships in the area.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION including full statements of heritage value relating to the proposed designation is available for review at the Township offices and on the Township's website at www.springwater.ca.

ANY PERSON may, within 30 days after the publication of this Notice file written notice of his or her objection with a statement of the reasons for the objection and relevant facts with the Clerk. If no objection is received, this by-law will come forward for passage at the Regular Council Meeting to be held on January 16th, 2012.

Dated at Minesing, Ontario, this 8th day of December, 2011.

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3.4 Nine Mile Portage Heritage Trail

The original route was part of the historical Nottawasaga route used by aboriginals, explorers, traders and missionaries for trade and transportation. Also used during the War of 1812, the route provided a link between Georgian Bay and Lake Ontario. The Nine Mile Portage Historical Trail was constructed in an attempt to preserve the integrity of the original trail.

The Nine Mile Portage Trail runs from Memorial Square in Barrie to the Fort Willow Historical Site and Conservation Area in Springwater Township. The trail is suitable for walking and cycling only and follows as closely as possible to the historic route, consisting of a varied terrain from dirt paths in the more natural areas to sidewalks and roadways in the urban areas. It meets the Ganaraska Hiking Trail at Seadon Road and both trails take the same route to Fort Willow. At Fort Willow, the trails link with the North Simcoe Rail Trail.

The Nine Mile Portage Heritage Committee intends to link the trail to other established trail systems. Seeking landowner permission, the committee hopes to reconstruct a walking only route with minimal impact that will follow the exact location of the Historic Nine Mile Portage.

3.5 Old Penetanguishene Road Trail

This portion of unopened road allowance runs on the west side of the Hillsdale Settlement area between a deviation in Highway 93. Historically, the Old Penetanguishene Road was developed as a military road and supply route between Barrie and Penetang. This road was used during the War of 1812. Following the war, this road was used for settlement purposes.

Today this road allowance is used for hiking and cycling during the summer months and cross-country skiing and snowmobiling in the winter months. Considerable use by off-road vehicles and conflicts with adjacent properties led to the removal of the off-road vehicle uses in 2006.

Given the historical significance of the road, in October 2007 the Springwater Heritage Committee received a request to designate a portion of the Old Penetanguishene Road as a Heritage Site. In particular the request for designation was for the unassumed road allowance joining Robert Boulevard, in Hillsdale with Highway 93 situated behind the Forests of Hillsdale subdivision. This request is still pending.

3.6 The Hunter Russell Nature Trail

Located in Midhurst, on municipally owned land, the Hunter Russell Nature Trail follows alongside the Willow Creek Valley corridor. This trail system could eventually link into the Little Lake Trail system.