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THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF TAY  
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**151 GEORGE STREET**

**NOTICE OF INTENTION TO DESIGNATE**

**TAKE NOTICE** that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Tay intends to designate the dwelling at 151 George Street located on Lot 6 and the west part of Lot 7 Plan 496, as being of architectural and historical value or interest at their regular meeting on Wednesday August 26<sup>th</sup>, 2015 or as soon thereafter as the matter can be dealt with.

**STATEMENT EXPLAINING THE CULTURAL HERITAGE VALUE OF INTEREST**

The dwelling at 151 George Street is recommended for designation for architectural and historical value or interest for the following reasons.

The original vacant property was purchased from John Diligno in 1909 by Edward Byron Brown, who in 1901 moved to the Township of Tay from Florence, Ontario, with his wife. Mr. Brown, who was Victoria Harbour's first Clerk, built this impressive home in 1911. He was very involved in the community, serving many committees, helping organize the masonic temple, as well as acting as Magistrate, and remained the Village Clerk until his death in 1939. Mr. Brown was an engineer on the tug boat "The Reginald" for the Lumber Company and was also a customs officer at Port McNicoll. His wife, Mary Jane, remained in the home until her death in 1964.

The home at 151 George Street is a two storey dwelling with a gable peak on the principal façade that incorporates a window opening, a feature popular of Gothic Revival styles. The original home was built almost exclusively of pine from the Victoria Harbour Lumber Company. It sits on two foot thick granite foundation walls that are in good condition. The entire home remained in its original condition until 1988 when it changed hands out of the Brown family, where it had remained for almost eighty years. Many of the original features still remain including the wrap around veranda, still supported by original columns; the picture window with stained glass; the kitchen tin ceiling; a working hand pump; and, the staircase as well as many doors with the original finish. In addition, the initials "B.B." for the builder Edward "Byron" Brown, can be found carved into the wood siding at the rear corner of the home; however they are currently covered by new siding. The three panel front door is original with the original glass in the transom window above the door. It is in good working condition and features the still working, original turn chime doorbell.

A copy of the draft Designation By-law is attached for more information and details regarding the description of the heritage attributes of the property.

**NOTICE** of an objection to the designation may be served on the Township Clerk, Ms. Alison Thomas, BAH, CMO, at the Township of Tay Offices, 450 Park Street, P.O. Box 100, Victoria Harbour, Ontario, L0K 2A0, within 30 days of July 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2015, setting out the reasons for the objection and all relevant facts.

For further information respecting the proposed designation, contact:  
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