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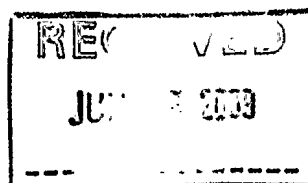


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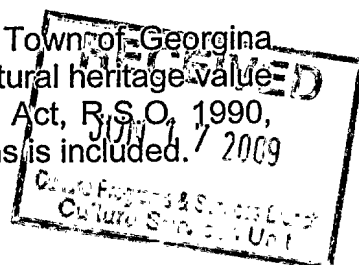
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**NOTICE OF INTENTION
TO DESIGNATE A BUILDING OF
CULTURAL HERITAGE VALUE OR INTEREST**



TAKE NOTICE THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Georgina intends to designate the following property as a property of cultural heritage value or interest pursuant to the provisions of the Ontario Heritage Act, R.S.O. 1990, Chapter O.18, Part IV, Section 29. A brief statement of reasons is included.



Description of Property

The Courting House is located on the north side edge of Lake Drive East near the intersection of Brule Lakeway municipally known as Part of Lot 18, Concession 9 (NG), being Part 1, on Plan 65R31063, Jackson's Point in the Town of Georgina, Regional Municipality of York. The site includes a wooden gazebo structure located on a portion of the Town of Georgina's municipally owned road allowance.

Statement of Cultural Heritage Value

Design or Physical Value

Built by Mr. Alexander Sedore at the request of Dr. Frank Sibbald in the late 1800's, the gazebo structure is situated on the original dirt road known as Lake Drive and is of simple original Victorian design. The structure consists of 3 wood lattice-work sides with an entrance at the roadside frontage. There is an opening at the back of the structure measuring approximately 3 square metres allowing for a lake view. The roof is made of wood with the original cupola and small spiral still intact. The interior of the structure includes low bench seating.

Historical or Associative Value

The gazebo structure enhanced an area that was extremely popular as a vacation destination and the popularity of the area brought along with it expansion and development including dance halls, boarding houses a theatre, lodges and hotels. Vacationers would enjoy leisurely walks, swimming or bicycling and the gazebo became a rest stop, and meeting place known as the "Courting House".

The gazebo structure also highlighted the health benefits of the Mineral Spring. The Mineral Spring was located to the west of the gazebo along the shoreline, and people would collect mineral spring water from a large wooden barrel sunk into the sand. People would drink the water from the spring to rid themselves of parasites and it was deemed beneficial for the people lodging in the nearby Sanatorium. In the mid to late 1800s, "Springwood" was the name of the parsonage of Rev. William Ritchie, the 2nd reverend of St. George's Anglican Church, and in the 1900's the name "Springwood" was given to a resort area offering tourist cabins. The gazebo and its associated mineral spring were important landmarks for people vacationing in Jackson's Point.

Contextual Value

The Courting House is the last of this type of structure to remain in its original location. It is a landmark and reminder of Georgina's early and vibrant status as a vacation destination. It continues to maintain a complementary setting along Lake Drive and offers the new and current community members and visitors an historic opportunity to enjoy the area.

Description of Heritage Attributes

The Description of Heritage Attributes applies to the gazebo structure including:

- Wood lattice sides
- Wood roof
- Original cupola with small spiral

DETAILED REASONS FOR THE PROPOSED DESIGNATION CAN BE OBTAINED BY CONTACTING LISA LYONS, GEORGINA HERITAGE COMMITTEE SECRETARY AT (905) 476-4301 EXT. 223 OR AT llyons@georgina.ca.

ANY PERSON MAY, BEFORE THE 4TH DAY OF JULY, 2009, SEND BY REGISTERED MAIL OR DELIVER TO THE TOWN CLERK, Notice of Objection to the proposed designation, together with a statement of the reasons for the objection and all relevant facts. If a Notice of Objection is received, the Council of the Town of Georgina will refer the matter to the Conservation Review Board for a hearing and a report.

Further information respecting the proposed designation is available from the Clerk's Department upon request by contacting Lisa Lyons, Georgina Heritage Committee Secretary at (905) 476-4301 Ext. 223 or at llyons@georgina.ca.

DATED at Georgina this 4th day of June, 2009.

Roland Chenier, Town Clerk, The Town of Georgina, 26557 Civic Centre Road, Keswick, ON L4P 3G1.