



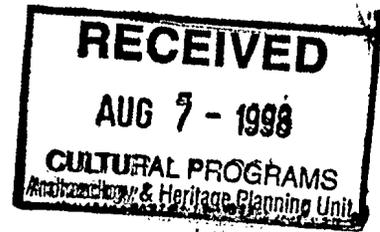
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Ministry of Citizenship and Culture
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Dear Sir or Madam:

RE: PASSING OF BY-LAW FOR DESIGNATION

Enclosed please find reasons for designation and a certified copy of By-Law No. 98-39, passed by the Hamilton Township Council regarding the Victoria Inn, Part Lot 14, Concession 9, Township of Hamilton.

Should you require additional information or clarification regarding this matter, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours truly,

for 
Peggy Cramp, A.M.C.T.
Chief Administrative Officer

PC/rt
Encl.

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CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HAMILTON

BY-LAW NO. 98-39

**BEING A BY-LAW TO DESIGNATE A LAND AND PREMISES UNDER THE
ONTARIO HERITAGE ACT FOR THE VICTORIA INN,
LOT 14, CONCESSION 9, HAMILTON TOWNSHIP**

WHEREAS Section 29 of The Ontario Heritage Act, R.S.O. 1990, Chapter 0.18, authorizes Council of a municipality to enact By-Laws to designate real property, including all buildings and/or structures thereon, to be of architectural or historic value or interest, and;

AND WHEREAS the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Hamilton has caused to be served on the owners of lands and premises below, and upon the Ontario Heritage Foundation, notice of intention to so designate the aforesaid real property and/or buildings and has caused such notice of intention to be published once in the Cobourg Star having general circulation in the municipality; and

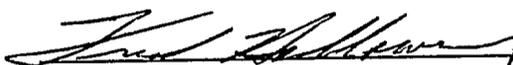
AND WHEREAS no notice of objection to the proposed designation has been served on the Clerk of the Municipality.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Corporation of the Township of Hamilton Council ENACTS as follows:

1. There is designated as being of architectural and historical value or interest the real property as follows:
 - a) Victoria Inn, [REDACTED], Box 180, Gores Landing, ON K0K 2E0, Lot 14, Concession 9, Township of Hamilton.

- An excellent example of a gracious turn of the century Shingle Style summer home. It was clad in clapboard with shingled gables and octagonal tower. The oculus windows and eyebrow dormers are typical of this style of home. A wide two story verandah with bell curved roof overlooks the lake.
2. The Clerk is hereby authorized to cause a copy of the by-Law to be registered against the property described above in the proper Land Registry Officer.
3. The Clerk is hereby authorized to cause a copy of this by-law to be served on the owner of the aforesaid property and on the Ontario Heritage Foundation and to cause notice of the passing of this By-law to be published once in the Cobourg Star having general circulation in the municipality.

This By-Law given a FIRST, SECOND, and THIRD READING and FINALLY PASSED this 28th day of July, 1998.


REEVE


CLERK



**VICTORIA INN (formerly The Willows)
HAYWARD** [REDACTED]

Address: Lot 14, concession 9
Box 180, Gore's Landing, Ont.
KOK 2E0

Original Owner/Builder: Gerald Hayward (1845-1926)

Present owners: [REDACTED]

Date: 1902

Historical analysis: May, 1998

Gerald Hayward commissioned Fred Pratt, a local craftsman, to build this gracious structure as his summer home and named it The Willows. Hayward had made sketches of the building he wanted which resembled the Shingle-style homes in New York State where he spent the winters. He also wanted many Art Nouveau features (such as stained glass) that were popular at that period. Fred Pratt's daughter, Emily MacDonald, a long-time Gore's Landing resident, often recounted how her father spent the winter of 1902 attempting to translate Gerald's rough sketches into workable plans, incorporating a tower and all the different styles of windows he wanted. Pratt, a self-taught master builder, was the one Gerald Hayward always employed to carry out his ideas.

The Hayward family had long connections with Gore's Landing. When Gerald's parents first came to Canada in 1843 from Buckinghamshire, England, they settled in Port Hope. They were upper class, cultured people who had connections to the military but were very short of money. They hoped, like many others of their class, to make a living in Canada as gentleman farmers. A year after their arrival they were enthralled with the beautiful scenery at Rice Lake and Captain Alfred Hayward purchased 70 acres on the lakeshore, lot 17, concession 9. They built a frame house they named Glen Lynden (long gone). It was located where the present designated red brick Glen Lynden (Neill/[REDACTED] House c.1875) now stands. Both Alfred and his wife Caroline were artistic and she painted and sketched many scenes of Rice Lake and the village of Gore's Landing.

In 1851 they sold Glen Lynden and moved near Port Hope when their four-year old daughter died. She was buried at St. George's Cemetery. Alfred's uncle, Francis Hayward, had left him his home, Ravenscourt, located on lot 33, concession 1, Hamilton Township. (This house has also been designated as the Hayward/Mulvey House, c.1847.) They still did own, however, what they called a hunting lodge at Rice Lake, lot 12, concession 9. It is now the main house at Pinecrest Cottages, built c.1855.

The Haywards had four surviving sons, Lyster, Gerald, Stuart and Alfred, who were all educated in England and two of whom became noted artists. Alfred specialized in white flower studies such as *Trilliums*, *Black Island*, *Rice Lake*. (A reproduction of this painting can be seen in Cobourg, 1798-1948, by Edwin Guillet). But Alfred lived most of his life in England.

Gerald was a painter of miniatures, some of which are in the collection of the Northumberland and District Art Gallery, Cobourg. They were painted on thin sheets of ivory and many were of prominent people in both Canada and the U.S.. He married and settled in Larchmont, N.Y., but spent his summers in Gore's Landing. Before Gerald built The Willows he camped along the shores of Rice Lake. His sophisticated wife, Sophia, did not like camping, so Gerald came with friends and had quite a reputation in the village as a ladies' man. While he was at Gore's Landing he got involved in several projects, designing the gazebo on the dock, the tower at St. George's Church and also donated part of the land now known as Pioneer Park for a Methodist church. Pioneer Park was later given to the village by one of his descendants. On Gerald's death his widow donated the land for the present St. George's rectory. Gerald is buried at St. George's Cemetery where his grave is marked with a stone bearing a natural cross that he found at Precious Corners. His fireplace in The Willows was also constructed of stones he had collected around the area.

After Gerald Hayward's death The Willows was sold and a succession of people attempted to run the building as an inn in the summers. One of the problems was it was very hard to heat and each owner would have to rebuild a new clientele every season. About 20 years ago, one of these past owners, [REDACTED], changed the name from "The Willows" to "Victoria Inn", after his wife. Over the years the building has undergone changes to make it suitable for wintertime use. The verandas were enclosed and the windows made weatherproof. It now provides accomodation and fine dining year round.

(Information taken from *Gore's Landing and The Rice Lake Plains* by Martin, Mlne and McGillis)