



Request to Make a
Deputation/Presentation to
Council/Committee
City of Kawartha Lakes
City Clerk's Office
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Name: *

JOHN IRELAND

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There can be maximum of two speakers for each deputation. Please list the name(s) of the individual(s) who will be speaking. The names that are listed here will be included on the Council Meeting Agenda: *

JOHN IRELAND

Please provide details of the matter to which you wish to speak: *

WE THE PROPERTY OWNERS IN AN AREA BOUNDED BY LINDSAY STREET AND THE SCAGOG RIVER. ARE REQUESTING THAT COUNCIL CONSIDER DESIGNATING THIS AREA AS A HERITAGE SITE CALLING THIS AREA "THE HISTORIC MILL DISTRICT".

What action are you hoping will result from your presentation/deputation? *

SAME PROCESS USED FOR THE HISTORIC DOWNTOWN
KENT STREET DESIGNATION.

Signature:

Date:

John Ireland.

FEB 2018

Please complete this form and return to the City Clerk's Office:
Fax: 705-324-8110 Email: agendaitems@kawarthalakes.ca

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24 - LISTED
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22 - RENTERS

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February 12, 2018

Dear Resident,

On December 12, 2017, City Council approved the creation of a "Listed Properties" section to be added to the Kawartha Lakes Heritage Register. Under Section 27 (1.2) of the *Ontario Heritage Act*, municipalities can create a secondary list of properties that are not designated, but are considered to be of potential heritage interest and may be of value for future evaluation as a designated heritage property. This new category of potential heritage properties is strongly recommended by the Province of Ontario as a mechanism to protect significant non-designated heritage properties that are cherished by the community from demolition.

The listing of non-designated properties provides interim protection for sites from speculation or change. Owners are required to provide Council at least 60 days' notice of their intention to demolish or remove a building or structure on the property. This allows time for the municipality to assess the property for designation which would provide long term protection.

Properties that are identified in this list are not designated, and there are no restrictions on alterations or changes to the property. If, however, the property owner wishes to demolish a building that is on this list, a demolition permit cannot be issued until a 60 day period has elapsed. During this period, the municipal heritage committee will assess the property to determine if there is sufficient merit for it to qualify for designation according to the *Ontario Heritage Act*, or if the demolition permit should be granted.

We are currently compiling a list of properties with potential heritage interest or value in Kawartha Lakes and your property has been identified as one that is potentially culturally significant in Kawartha Lakes. As noted above, this does not mean that your property is designated or that there are any restrictions on future changes or alterations. If you have any questions, please contact:

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dsoule@kawarthalakes.ca Phone: 705 324 9411 extension 1498

Yours Sincerely,

Debra Soule

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The Old Mill Heritage Conservation District

We the property owners in an area bounded by Lindsay Street and the Scugog River are requesting that council consider designating this area as a heritage site calling this area the Old Mill Heritage Conservation District.

Property Address _____

Owners _____

In the interim I wish my Property to be LISTED _____

LINDSAY ADVOCATE

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John Ireland (L) and John Humphries (R) in front of Mr. Humphries' Glenelg St. home, a designated historical property. Humphries is a big supporter of Ireland's petition. (Photo: Alexis Connors.)

Could Old Mill area be Kawartha Lakes' third heritage district?

Published on March 9, 2018 in Community/Just in Time by Trevor Hutchinson

John Ireland loves history and he came to realize that he was surrounded by it, where he lives on Mill Street in Lindsay.

The area was the original centre of town, predating Kent Street.

The neighbourhood was home to one of Lindsay's first banks (The Bank of Upper Canada) and of course St. Mary's Catholic Church and its rectory, to name just a few.

Motivated by his success in helping spearhead the Urban Canopy project (in collaboration with Fleming College) Ireland took it upon himself to try to have the Old Mill area designated a Heritage Conservation District, as allowed for under Ontario's Heritage Act.

That's currently defined as the area bordered by Lindsay Street and the Scugog River.

In consultation with city staff, Ireland – a child services consultant — has created a petition that he is in the process of taking to residents in the area to gauge local support for the idea.

According to Debra Soule, the City of Kawartha Lakes' arts, culture and heritage officer, there are many benefits to heritage designation.

“Heritage Conservation Districts contribute to our quality of life, demonstrate community pride and give the city a competitive edge – heritage districts are sought after destinations for visitors, creating unique tourism and shopping experiences.”

She says these districts also “reinforce neighbourhood identity, create self-awareness, promote social cohesion” and provide a tool for residents to manage growth, so that “a neighbourhood's most cherished characteristics are not lost.”

The area has always had historical names (Purdy's and Pumpkin Hollow) but those names are mired in old concepts of economic discrimination and/or Protestant-Catholic intolerance and were historically pejorative.

Photo: Alexis Conners.

Ireland decided to promote the ‘Old Mill Historic Area’ – an idea that was inclusive, was a clear nod to Lindsay's historical past and put to rest old area names that were a vestige of discrimination and exclusion.

The City of Kawartha Lakes currently has two designated heritage areas: historic downtown Lindsay and the Oak Street area in Fenelon Falls. Ireland will present his Old Mill petition to council on May 15.



Should city council decide to proceed, the matter will go through a series of steps that are required under the provincial Heritage Act.

The matter would first go to the city's Heritage Committee which would then have to recommend a budget for further study.

A consultant would then be hired to study the history of the area and determine if the area has sufficient merit to qualify as a Heritage Conservation District.

This study, based on what the research yields, would also recommend the proposed boundaries for such a district. Public consultation is another key required component of this process.

Designating historic downtown Lindsay and Oak Street in Fenelon Falls took just over two years from the call for proposals in July of 2015 to the passage of the Downtown Lindsay Heritage Plan in 2017.

According to Ward 1 Councillor Rob Macklem, the council lead on the Culture and Heritage Task Force, "Downtown Lindsay and Oak Street are our first two heritage districts done simultaneously. I think the process went very well and was well received with significant public input and support."

Macklem has also noticed an increased interest in heritage in City of Kawartha Lakes.

The plan, no doubt, has its detractors. Some homeowners might worry that the endeavour might result in higher taxes and place restrictions on a homeowner's ability to modify the appearance of their property.

While there is some academic research that indicates that historical designations can have a modest positive effect on price (during upswings and downswings in the market) the worry that a designation would prevent homeowners' ability to modify their properties is largely unfounded.

According to Soule, "Heritage Conservation District designation does not prevent future changes or new development in a community. However, it does require that new development fits in and is compatible with the character of the area."

She adds that such a designation does not affect the interior of properties or property use, since it pertains to the exterior, and usually only the street-facing aspects or the façade of a property.

"Property owners can still make changes or add to their property, or demolish a non-contributing structure, as long as these changes do not negatively affect the heritage attributes of the area" and so long as it complies with the Heritage Conservation District plan, says Soule.

This includes ensuring that property owners obtain a heritage permit to ensure these conditions are met, she adds.

Other critics worry that such a designation is the tip of the spear of gentrification – a process of renovation and improvement to a district to push it to conform to so-called middle-class standards.

Ultimately, this is a process that can sometimes lead to the displacement of lower income residents.

To address those concerns and ensure that his efforts are inclusive, Ireland has developed a petition for homeowners and one for renters.

The homeowner petition includes an option for them to express interest in having their property ‘listed’ as a house of potential cultural and historical interest – a program launched by the City for all residents last December. Ireland’s goal is to ensure everyone is adequately consulted.

For Councilor Macklem, heritage is an inclusive concept in its very definition.

“We are fortunate to have social strategy and housing plans in place” for lower income residents of Kawartha Lakes.”

“Culture is human achievement regarded collectively by people, heritage is the evolution of culture. It’s my opinion (that) maintaining the character of the city, appreciating its history, does not constitute gentrification nor would it lead to such actions.”

For more information on the Old Mill Historic Area initiative contact John Ireland at johnonmillstreet@gmail.com.

NEWS

Resident wants Old Mill district heritage designation

MARY RILEY

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John Ireland is inviting anyone who loves history to join close to 100 people who want to see the oldest part of Lindsay designated as a heritage conservation district.

The City currently has two designated heritage districts; Lindsay's downtown and Fenelon Falls' Oak Street area. Ireland is hoping the proposed Old Mill Heritage Conservation District will be the third.

And, he says no one who wants to support the initiative will be left out.

"I want this to be inclusive, not just property owners but anyone who wants to support it."

The district includes the area from Lindsay Street to the Scugog River, including the Mill itself.

Ireland, who lives on Mill Street notes there is a long and rich history in the area that should be preserved and recognized.

"I love the area because of the trees; this partly started after the Urban Canopy Project," he said, recalling an initiative he started a few years ago with Fleming College to help preserve the area's trees.

Ireland notes the area is Lindsay's original downtown, home to Lindsay's first bank and historic St. Mary's Catholic Church and rectory. Many of the houses were home to professionals such as doctors and lawyers.

The 'jump off' point to determine what was in the area back in the day, Ireland said, is a 1911 fire map which shows all the

homes, barns and other outbuildings that existed at that time.

The area is also home to Women's Resources, A Place Called Home and the Five Counties Children's Centre.

Ireland distributed a petition to see if people were interested in seeing the Old Mill district officially designated as the third.

There are currently 24 homes in the area. Ireland noted he doesn't want to leave people out who are interested in the proposal but rent rather than own. "There are 22 people who are renting who signed up; There are also businesses so far we have 89 people.

"The important thing was to make sure it is inclusive; that no one is left



Mary Riley/Metrolan

John Ireland's home is in the middle of Lindsay's Old Mill District, and he's hoping to gain support to have the area officially designated as a Heritage Conservation District. He will make a presentation to city council on May 15.

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out."

Ireland pointed out that back in Lindsay's early days, the district, also known as 'Pumpkin Hollow' was not affluent, and often generated an attitude that was "pejorative."

But, he says that attitude has no place in the effort to preserve the area. "There is no room for snobs in this. The retirement home Guy Mills Court had one of the oldest tobogganing hills in Lindsay. Gentleman Joe Primeau was born here in 1906; he was number 23 for the Leafs."

"I learned a lot of history doing this."

Debra Soule, the City's arts, culture and heritage development officer says there is a process that

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- John Ireland

must be followed to have an area designated as a Heritage Conservation District, governed by the Ontario Heritage Act.

"The process is outlined under the Act, and the municipality decides if it wants to go ahead and determines the budget," she explained.

The next step is to hire a consultant, who conducts a study to determine if the area has merit as a Heritage Conservation District and meets the criteria as outlined by the Act.

After that, a Heritage Conservation Designa-

tion Plan is created in consultation with the property owners.

No one can tell them what is heritage in their community, Sproule said. "It is up to the property owners in the community to determine what's important and what they want to preserve."

She noted heritage districts are not just buildings; they can embrace many aspects of an area - including trees - that the

residents want to preserve for future generations. The elements that make up a heritage designation can be historical, contextual, architectural or a combination of those.

Ireland said it is the consultant "who would determine the actual boundaries" of the Old Mill district.

He has also heard from several people who have expressed an interest in the restoration of the Old Mill itself.

Ireland will be making a presentation to council on May 15. Anyone who wishes more information or wants to get involved can email him at johnon-millstreet@gmail.com.

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