

# The Corporation of the City of Kawartha Lakes

## Council Report

Report Number ED2018-012

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**Date:** September 25, 2018

**Time:** 2:00 p.m.

**Place:** Council Chambers

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**Ward Community Identifier:** 6

**Title:** Proposed Heritage Designation of Fire Route 52, Somerville, Concession Rd. 2, Fenelon Falls

**Description:** Proposed Designation of Fire Route 52, Somerville, Concession Rd. 2, Fenelon Falls under Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act as a Property of Cultural Heritage Value and Interest

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### Recommendations:

**That** Report ED2018-012, **Proposed Heritage Designation of Fire Route 52, Somerville, Concession Rd. 2, Fenelon Falls**, be received;

**That** the Council endorse the Municipal Heritage Committee's recommendation to designate Fire Route 52, Somerville, Concession Rd. 2, Fenelon Falls under Part IV of the *Ontario Heritage Act* as being of cultural heritage value and interest;

**That** staff be authorized to proceed with the process to designate the subject property under Part IV of the *Ontario Heritage Act*, including preparation and circulation of a Notice of Intention to Designate, and preparation of a designating by-law; and

**That** the designating by-law be presented to Council for its consideration after the notification process has been completed.

**Department Head:**\_\_\_\_\_

**Financial/Legal/HR/Other:**\_\_\_\_\_

**Chief Administrative Officer:**\_\_\_\_\_

## **Background:**

Members of the Municipal Heritage Committee have collected and reviewed information pertaining to the property known as Fire Route 52, Somerville, Concession Rd. 2, Fenelon Falls.

On August 2, 2018 the Municipal Heritage Committee adopted the following resolution:

Moved By J. Garbutt, Seconded By M. Sloboda

**THAT** the Municipal Heritage Committee recommend that 52 Somerville 2<sup>nd</sup> Concession, Fenelon Falls be considered for designation as a heritage site; and

**THAT** staff forward a report outlining the recommended designation to Council for their consideration.

**Carried KLMHC2018-029**

This report has been prepared to address the direction pertaining to Fire Route 52, Somerville, Concession Rd. 2, Fenelon Falls.

On August 2, 2018 the Committee provided staff with an evaluation of the property to confirm that they have visited the site and have recorded the justification for the proposed heritage designation. The site evaluation was completed as per the requirements of the *Ontario Heritage Act*.

Section 29 of the *Ontario Heritage Act* provides that upon consultation with its Municipal Heritage Committee and serving Notice of Intention to Designate pursuant to the Act, the Council of a municipality may pass a by-law designating a property within the boundaries of the municipality to be of historic or architectural value or interest. The Municipal Heritage Committee is satisfied with the information that it has received and collected for the subject property and the Committee supports designation of the subject property under Part IV of the *Ontario Heritage Act*.

## **Rationale:**

Section 29, Part IV of the *Ontario Heritage Act* identifies the following criteria for determining the cultural heritage value of a property and its merit as a designated property:

Architectural Design or Physical Value:

- The structure represents a rare, unique or representative example of an architectural style, expression, material or construction method.

**Historical Significance:**

- The structure reflects the work of an architect, artist, builder, designer or theorist who is significant to the community.
- The structure has direct association with an event, activity, person, institution or organization that is significant to a community.
- The structure yields information that contributes to understanding a community or culture.

**Contextual Value:**

- The structure defines, maintains or supports the character of an area.
- The structure is physically, functionally, visually or historically linked to its surroundings.
- The structure is a landmark.

**Bonus Attributes:**

- The structure holds architectural integrity.
- The structure and the surrounding site are in good condition.

The property at Fire Route 52, Somerville, Concession Rd. 2, Fenelon Falls qualifies for municipal heritage designation under the following Ontario Heritage Act designation criteria:

The two storey log home is being recommended for designation on the basis of its architectural value as an excellent example of a traditional log cabin within the region that is extraordinarily well-preserved. The property also has historical significance, having served as the base for the logging camp that sent white pine down the Burnt River for export, and was also home to some of the earliest settlers in Somerville Township. The building stands as a time capsule of early farm life and generations of the Graham family. The cabin was built by Robert Graham in 1860, and has been inhabited by successive generations of the Graham family. Many interior fixtures, furnishings and tools that were used to construct the cabin still remain here.

**Financial/Operation Impacts:**

There will be advertising costs associated with this application which are covered by the Municipal Heritage Committee's budget.

**Relationship of Recommendation(s) To The 2016-2019 Strategic Plan:**

Designation of this property under Part IV of the *Ontario Heritage Act* will enable the fulfillment of the municipality's Strategic Goals including an Exceptional Quality of Life and a Vibrant and Growing Economy.

**Consultations:**

Municipal Heritage Committee members

**Attachments:**

N/A

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