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Dear Assistant Deputy Minister;

The Kawartha Lakes Municipal Heritage Committee has reviewed the proposed regulations under the Ontario Heritage Act currently posted on the Environmental Registry for comment. The Committee would like to offer the following comments:

- The Committee has concerns regarding the consultation with all interested parties as part of the guiding principles. While the Committee values an open and transparent process including robust consultation, there is concern regarding how the principles reconcile the potential for input that does not respect the heritage value of a property with the requirement to conserve heritage properties
- The Committee is concerned regarding the limited number of exceptions for extending the 90-day period to issue a notice of intention to designate. There are very few exceptions, outside of a state of emergency, to extend that period, which does not seem to take into consideration the timelines and circumstances that may arise as part of the municipal decision making process
- While the Committee is supportive of consistency in heritage by-laws across the province, there is a lack of clarity regarding what it means to provide a brief description of heritage attributes while at the same time explaining why each attribute is important. This does not seem to take into consideration the complex nature of some heritage properties, such as cultural heritage landscapes
- In general, the Committee is concerned regarding the reference of heritage appeals to the LPAT. While the Committee does not have concerns regarding the provision of documents to the Tribunal, it would like to express its concern in general with a body that does not have speciality in heritage matters undertaking appeals of this type.

The Committee is committed to the long-term preservation of our province's cultural heritage and appreciates the opportunity to provide comment on the regulations which will shape how heritage planning is undertaken in municipalities across Ontario.

Respectfully submitted,

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