

**THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF GEORGINA****HERITAGE ADVISORY COMMITTEE****AGENDA**

Wednesday, November 20, 2019

6:30 PM

Council Chambers

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

"We would like to begin today's meeting by acknowledging that the Town of Georgina is located over lands originally used and occupied by the First Peoples of the Williams Treaties First Nations and other Indigenous Peoples and thank them for sharing this land. We would also like to acknowledge the Chippewas of Georgina Island First Nation as our close neighbor and friend, one with which we strive to build a cooperative and respectful relationship."

**2. ROLL CALL****3. INTRODUCTION OF ADDENDUM ITEMS****4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA****5. DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY INTEREST AND GENERAL NATURE THEREOF****6. ADOPTION OF MINUTES****Pages 1 to 6**

- (1) Minutes of Georgina Heritage Committee meeting October 16, 2019.

**7. DELEGATIONS/SPEAKERS****8. PRESENTATIONS**

- (1) Paul Brady, on Bonnie Boats Designation Reports

**9. REPORTS****Page 7**

- (1) Demolition Reports September 11<sup>th</sup> 2019 to October 10<sup>th</sup> 2019.

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- (2) Designation Report for 20 Bonnie Boats, prepared by Resident Paul Brady

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- (3) Designation Report for Jackson's Point Park, prepared by Resident Paul Brady

## 10. COMMUNICATIONS

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- (1) Internet issues at home

## 11. OTHER BUSINESS

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- (1) Plaques (Ongoing discussion)
  - a. Mill Pond
  - b. Plaques, next steps:
    - i. Draft Policy (pages)
- (2) Infographics (interpretive signs) Terry and Allan to draft wording for 2 interpretative signs (ongoing)
- (3) GHC Award – (ongoing discussion)
- (4) Designation –
  - A. Properties under current consideration: (ongoing):
    - 1. Mann Cemetery on Queensway North, Keswick
    - 2. Ainsley Hill: Shouldice Property 216-235 Catering Road
    - 3. Suggestion: Railway and enterprise shipwreck
  - B. To be considered at future date:
    - 1. Suggestion: The Briars, stable and old tree
    - 2. Suggestion: Radial Streetcar Power House
  - C. Designation process underway
    - 1. St. James Parish Hall, update if available
- (5) Heritage Register
  - a. Proposed list of properties recommended to Council.
- (6) 115 Hadden – (update if available)
- (7) Elm Grove hall (ongoing discussion)

- (8) Financial Incentives – Resolution referred to Council Nov. 20<sup>th</sup>, 2019  
(update if available)
  - (9) Historic Context/theme for Georgina's Cottage Industry (update if available)
  - (10) 545 Lake Drive - Coolmere Lodge: Record of Preservation (update if available)
- 12. CLOSED SESSION, IF REQUIRED
  - 13. MOTION TO ADJOURN

Next Meeting: Wednesday, January 15, 2020

## THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF GEORGINA

### HERITAGE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

#### MINUTES

Wednesday, October 16, 2019

6:30 PM

Council Chambers

#### 1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:36 PM.

"We would like to begin today's meeting by acknowledging that the Town of Georgina is located over lands originally used and occupied by the First Peoples of the Williams Treaties First Nations and other Indigenous Peoples and thank them for sharing this land. We would also like to acknowledge the Chippewas of Georgina Island First Nation as our close neighbor and friend, one with which we strive to build a cooperative and respectful relationship."

#### 2. ROLL CALL

The following Committee members were in attendance:

Terry Russell, Chair

Councillor Frank Sebo

Allan Morton

Wei Hwa

The following Committee members were absent:

Denise Roy, Vice Chair

Krista Barclay

The following staff member was in attendance:

Sarah Elliott, Committee Services Coordinator

#### 3. INTRODUCTION OF ADDENDUM ITEMS

#### 4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Moved by Wei Hwa, Seconded by Allan Morton

#### **RESOLUTION NO. GHC-2019-0043**

That the Georgina Heritage Committee October 16, 2019, agenda be approved.

**Carried.**

5. DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY INTEREST AND GENERAL NATURE THEREOF

Committee member Wei Hwa declared a conflict with respect to the Municipal Property Assessment Corporation list. The conflict is in relation to his profession as a Realtor as his Office is representing clients that are potential purchasers for the property 168 Bethel Sd. Rd.

6. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

- (1) Minutes of Georgina Heritage Committee meeting September 18, 2019.

Moved by Wei Hwa, Seconded by Allan Morton

**RESOLUTION NO. GHC-2019-0044**

That the Georgina Heritage Committee September 18, 2019, minutes be adopted.

**Carried.**

7. DELEGATIONS/SPEAKERS

8. PRESENTATIONS

- (1) Why Establishing a Historic Context for Georgina's Cottage Industry is Important

Moved by Councillor Sebo, Seconded by Wei Hwa

**RESOLUTION NO. GHC-2019-0045**

That the Georgina Heritage Committee receive Allan Morton's presentation on Establishing a Historic Context for Georgina's Cottage Industry and further request staff research and report back on examples of other municipalities with historic context.

**Carried.**

9. REPORTS

- (1) Demolition Reports September 11<sup>th</sup> 2019 to October 10<sup>th</sup> 2019.

Moved by Allan Morton, Seconded by Wei Hwa

**RESOLUTION NO. GHC-2019-0046**

That the Georgina Heritage Committee receive the Demolition Report from September 11, 2019 to October 10, 2019.

**Carried.**

**10. COMMUNICATIONS**

- (1) Bill 108 Amends The Ontario Heritage Act – Schedule 11

Moved by Wei Hwa, Seconded by Krista Barclay

**RESOLUTION NO. GHC-2019-0047**

That the Georgina Heritage Committee receive Communications item, *Bill 108 Amends The Ontario Heritage Act – Schedule 11*.

**Carried.**

**11. OTHER BUSINESS**

**Pages 8 to 13**

- (1) Plaques (Ongoing discussion)
- a. Mill Pond
  - b. Plaques, next steps:
    - i. E-Signs quote (pages 8 to 10) defer
    - ii. Draft Policy (pages 11 to 13) – defer

Moved by Allan Morton, Seconded by Frank Sebo

**RESOLUTION NO. GHC-2019-0048**

That the Georgina Heritage Advisory Committee receive the E-Signs quote and select E-signs as the vendor for future plaque purchases.

**Carried.**

Moved by Allan Morton, Seconded by Wei Hwa

**RESOLUTION NO. GHC-2019-0049**

That the Georgina Heritage Advisory Committee receive the draft plaquing policy and defer discussion to the next meeting.

**Carried.**

Moved by Allan Morton, Seconded by Frank Sebo

**RESOLUTION NO. GHC-2019-0050**

That the Georgina Heritage Advisory Committee receive the E-Signs quote and policy and defer discussion to the next meeting.

**Carried.**

- (2) Infographics (interpretive signs) Terry and Allan to draft wording for 2 interpretative signs (ongoing) - *deferred to a subsequent meeting*
- (3) Merit Award – nomination submission (update if available)

The submission was declined as the owner of the nominated property did not live in Georgina. The Merit award criteria clearly states that the recipient must be a resident of the Town. The Committee suggested creating their own award.

- (4) Designations

A. Properties under current and for future consideration: (ongoing):

- 1. Mann Cemetery on Queensway North, Keswick (pages 14-16)

Moved by Allan Morton, Seconded by Wei Hwa

**RESOLUTION NO. GHC-2019-0051**

That the Georgina Heritage Advisory Committee:

- 1. Recognizes the Mann Cemetery, 166 the Queensway North, has been a burying ground since at least 1808. Its presence for over 210 years indicates that it is important in defining the character of the area and that it is linked in all sense to its surroundings. Furthermore, the internments in the Mann Cemetery include the earliest pioneers of North Gwillimbury Township. The earliest known grave dates to 1808. The cemetery has a direct association with the theme of early pioneers, with death events of the earliest pioneers, with their beliefs with the individuals themselves and the churches they belonged to.
- 2. Refers the designation report to Council and recommends designation of the Mann Cemetery, address, under part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act.

**Carried.**

- 2. Ainsley Hill: Shouldice Property 216-235 Catering Road
- 3. Suggestion: Railway and enterprise shipwreck

- B. To be considered at future date:
  - 1. Suggestion: The Briars, stable and old tree
  - 2. Suggestion: Radial Streetcar Power House
- C. Designation process underway
  - 1. St. James Parish Hall, update if available

The Committee was advised the Conservation Review Board has reviewed a withdrawal to the objection that was initially submitted and has closed their file. The advised they would like to consider ways to help the Church fundraise money to save the building and. The Committee requested an update once by-law has passed.

- (5) Heritage Register
  - a. 545 Lake Drive: Coolmere Lodge – update if available

The Committee was viewed the display of photos from the photo tours and requested further updates with respect to the Matterport and YouTube video product.

The Committee suggested having a similar photo tour for the Civic Centre after the new Civic Center is constructed and prior the current building being demolished.

- b. Municipal Property Assessment Corporation (MPAC) List (pages 17 to 139).

Committee member Wei Hwa declared a conflict with respect to the Municipal Property Assessment Corporation list. The conflict is in relation to his profession as a Realtor as his Office is representing clients that are potential purchasers for the property 168 Bethel Sd. Rd.

Moved by Allan Morton, Seconded by Frank Sebo

#### **RESOLUTION NO. GHC-2019-0052**

That the Georgina Heritage Committee recommend the properties included in the Heritage Register Report be added to the Georgina Heritage Register. Furthermore, the Committee recommends that the owners of the properties to be added to the Georgina Heritage Register be notified of their inclusion on the Georgina Heritage Register.

**Carried.**



- (6) 115 Hadden Road – (update if available) - *None*
- (7) Elm Grove Hall (ongoing discussion) – deferred to the January 2020 meeting.
- (8) Tax Incentives (ongoing discussion)

Moved by Allan Morton, Seconded by Wei Hwa

**RESOLUTION NO. GHC-2019-0053**

That the Georgina Heritage Committee recommend Council consider implementing some form of financial benefit for heritage-designated properties during 2020 budget deliberations similar to incentives offered by other municipalities.

**Carried.**

- 12. CLOSED SESSION, IF REQUIRED
- 13. MOTION TO ADJOURN

Next Meeting: Wednesday, November 20, 2019

Moved by Allan Morton, Seconded by Wei Hwa

**RESOLUTION NO. GHC-2019-0054**

That the Georgina Heritage Committee October 16, 2019, meeting adjourn at 8:26 PM.

**Carried.**

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Terry Russell, Chair

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Sarah Elliott,  
Committee Services Coordinator

## Building Permit Listing

## DEMOLITION



**Permit Type :** [210] To [210]  
**Permit No. :** All  
**District :** All  
**Area :** All  
**Plan :** All  
**Lot :** All  
**Project Code :** All  
**Issue Date :** [11 Sep 2019] To [13 Nov 2019]  
**Completed Date :** All

**Block :** All  
**Section :** All  
**Town :** All  
**District Lot :** All  
**Zone :** All  
**Permit Status :** All  
**Print Permit w/ No Inspections Since :**  
**Print Name and Address :** No (Hide Owner's Phone #)

Permit No.	Owner Name	Issue Date	Roll No.	Project Value	Fee
190615		25-Oct-2019	000 03455700.0000	25,000.00	127.00
	Address:		District:	Zone:	
			Area:	Expiry Date: 24-Oct-2020	
			Project Address: 39 SOUTH RIVER RD		
			Contractor Name:		
			Construction Purpose: DEMOLISH BOAT HOUSE		
	Legals:				
191012		17-Sep-2019	000 13100400.0000	10,000.00	211.00
	Address:		District:	Zone:	
			Area:	Expiry Date: 16-Sep-2020	
			Project Address: 777 MCNEIL RD		
			Contractor Name:		
			Construction Purpose: DEMO EXISTING SFD		
	Legals:				
191250		09-Oct-2019	000 13170000.0000	1,500.00	444.00
	Address:		District:	Zone:	
			Area:	Expiry Date: 08-Oct-2020	
			Project Address: 757 759 CHURCHILL LANE		
			Contractor Name:		
			Construction Purpose: DEMOLISH GARAGE		
	Legals:				
191265		15-Oct-2019	000 13066600.0000	7,000.00	845.00
	Address:		District:	Zone:	
			Area:	Expiry Date: 14-Oct-2020	
			Project Address: 16 SINA ST		
			Contractor Name:		
			Construction Purpose: DEMOLISH SFD ONE UNIT		
	Legals:				
191312		24-Oct-2019	000 14515900.0000	20,000.00	549.00
	Address:		District:	Zone:	
			Area:	Expiry Date: 23-Oct-2020	
			Project Address: 38 SPRINGWATER DR		
			Contractor Name:		
			Construction Purpose: DEMO 2 SFD'S, 1 ACCESORY BUILDING OVER 107 SQ/FT COURT ORDER THROUGH BY-LAW ENFORCEMENT		
	Legals:				
191326		04-Nov-2019	000 04357500.0000	5,000.00	581.00
	Address:		District:	Zone:	
			Area:	Expiry Date: 03-Nov-2020	
			Project Address: 7522 A BLACK RIVER RD		
			Contractor Name:		
			Construction Purpose: DEMOLISH EXISTING COTTAGE AND ONE ACSSESSORY BUILDING		
	Legals:				
191328		04-Nov-2019	000 04357300.0000	10,000.00	581.00
	Address:		District:	Zone:	
			Area:	Expiry Date: 03-Nov-2020	
			Project Address: 7522 BLACK RIVER RD		
			Contractor Name:		
			Construction Purpose: DEMOLISH EXISTING COTTAGE AND AN ACCESSORY BUILDING		
	Legals:				

## Summary For This Run:

<b>No. of DEMOLITION Listed :</b>	7
<b>Total Construction Value :</b>	78,500.00
<b>Total Fees :</b>	3,338.00

## Heritage Designation Report

Paul Brady

November 4, 2019

Twenty Bonnie Boulevard, Jackson's Point, Town of Georgina, York Region, PT BLK G, PL 69, Sutton, PIN 03518-0536(LT)

### Recommendation:

That the Notice of Intent to Designate 20 Bonnie Boulevard in Jackson's Point BE APPROVED under Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act for the reasons below.

### Background:

Twenty Bonnie Boulevard in Jackson's Point has been associated with commercial enterprises and industry for over 200 years, being the site of a saw mill, the ice harvesting industry, and, for over a hundred years, a boat building enterprise and a traditional Ontario marina. It has created employment for numerous local people and during its last sixty years, barring the last couple of years, has been a major player in the ice fishing and boating industries of Lake Simcoe, and indeed Southern Ontario. It has been instrumental in Jackson's Point achieving the title of "The ice Fishing Capital of Canada".

### Proposal:

The request is to designate this property individually, under the provisions of Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act.

### Legal Provisions:

Part IV, Section 27 of the Ontario Heritage Act provides for designation of "property situated in the municipality that is of cultural heritage value or interest". The Act (27. (1.1)(c)) includes the requirement for "a statement explaining the cultural heritage value or interest of the property and a description of the heritage attributes of the property". Also, there are provisions for a municipal heritage committee to be consulted about a designation before the council makes a decision on it.

Ontario Regulation 9/06 provides criteria for designation under the Ontario Heritage Act. Part 1. (2) of the regulation is in bold for emphasis:

"A property may be designated under section 29 of the Act if it meets one or more of the following criteria for determining whether it is of cultural heritage value or interest:

1. The property has design value or physical value because it,
  - i. **Is a rare, unique, representative or early example of a style, type, expression, material or construction method,**
  - ii. Displays a high degree of craftsmanship or artistic merit, or
  - iii. Demonstrates a high degree of technical or scientific achievement.

2. The property has historical or associative value because it,
  - i. **Has direct associations with a theme, event, belief, person, activity, organization or institution that is significant to a community,**
  - ii. **Yields, or has the potential to yield, information that contributes to an understanding of a community or culture, or**
  - iii. **Demonstrates or reflects the work or ideas of an architect, artist, builder, designer or theorist who is significant to a community.**
3. The property has contextual value because it,
  - i. **Is important in defining, maintaining, or supporting the character of an area,**
  - ii. **Is physically, functionally, visually or historically linked to its surroundings, or**
  - iii. **Is a landmark”.**

Twenty Bonnie Boulevard in Jackson’s Point meets more than one of the criteria for designation listed above. These criteria are explained below:

1. The property has design or physical value because it,
  - i. Is a fascinating example of a purpose built industrial/commercial complex, designed and built over a period of 100 years to accomplish the specific functions of manufacturing, repairing and maintaining pleasure watercraft, and related endeavors. The newest building on the site is at least fifty years old, and the oldest over a hundred. Marinas such as this were at one time fairly common in Southern Ontario, but have slowly surrendered to harsh environments, neglect and changing demographics.
2. The property has historical or associative value because it,
  - i. Is a direct link to Grew Boats, at one time the largest boat manufacturing concern in Canada. Arthur Grew’s father bought the property in 1907 as a business opportunity for his son, who had been diagnosed as asthmatic. It was felt that the fresh clean air of Lake Simcoe would be good for Arthur. Arthur had been working for a boat manufacturer in Toronto and he brought those skills with him, and his boats were soon recognized as some of the best built on the lake. The depression of the late 1920’s brought grief to the enterprise, but it was bailed out by a friend and client, Clarence Kemp. Mr. Kemp’s investment kept the business operating through very difficult times, creating much needed local employment.
  - ii. Has a large water lot associated with the property, indeed comprising about half of the entire parcel. This water lot was created in the late 1800’s to protect the ice harvesting interests of Levi Miller, at one time the owner of this whole area. Any trace of the lumber mill or ice processing plant once owned by Mr. Miller has long since been lost, however the water lot is still an important part of 20 Bonnie Boulevard. A “Patented Water Lot”, which this is, allows the property owner the same rights to the harbour floor as if it were dry land. These are very unusual.
  - iii. Created some of the best wooden boats on Lake Simcoe, several of which still exist despite being over seventy years old.

3. The property has contextual value because it,
- i. Is an important link to the marine environment that is a deep-rooted aspect of Georgina's identity. It was the gateway to Lake Simcoe for generations of boaters, fishers and day trippers. Its association with the ice fishing industry was significant, with its colourful Bombardiers being an integral part of the experience.
  - ii. This site has been a commercial hub of Jackson's Point for over 200 years, creating employment and interest in the community. The existing boathouse is instantly recognizable from the water with its iconic white siding visible for miles.
  - iii. Twenty Bonnie Boulevard has always been a local landmark, and even today, over 2 years since it closed, the name Bonnie Boats is still synonymous with boating and fishing on Lake Simcoe.

Conclusion:

Twenty Bonnie Boulevard in Jackson's Point meets the necessary criteria for heritage designation under Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act items 1(i), 2(i), 2(ii), 2(iii), 3(i), 3(ii), and 3(iii). Accordingly, I respectfully request that the Heritage Committee recommend that 20 Bonnie Boulevard, Jackson's Point, Town of Georgina, PIN 03518-0536(LT), be designated as a heritage property.

## Heritage Designation Report

Paul Brady

November 4, 2019

Bonnie Park/Lorne Park, formerly known as Jackson's Point Park, Town of Georgina, York Region, PT BLK G, PL 69, Sutton, PT 3, 65R35243, PIN 03518-0512 (LT)

### Recommendation:

That the Notice of Intent to Designate Bonnie Park/Lorne Park, formerly known as Jackson's Point Park BE APPROVED under Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act for the reasons attached.

### Background:

Bonnie Park/Lorne Park (Jackson's Point Park), a gift from King George the Sixth to the people of the Town of Sutton in 1937, has been for over two centuries, and continues to be today, the focal point of the hamlet of Jackson's Point, an open public place to enjoy Lake Simcoe because of the unfettered access to the lake and the stunning lake views.

### Proposal:

The request is to designate this property individually, under the provisions of Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act.

### Legal Provisions:

Part IV, Section 27 of the Ontario Heritage Act provides for designation of "property situated in the municipality that is of cultural heritage value or interest". The Act (27. (1.1)(c)) includes the requirement for "a statement explaining the cultural heritage value or interest of the property and a description of the heritage attributes of the property". Also, there are provisions for a municipal heritage committee to be consulted about a designation before the council makes a decision on it.

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  - ii. **Is physically, functionally, visually or historically linked to its surroundings, or**
  - iii. **Is a landmark”.**

Bonnie Park/Lorne Park (Jackson’s Point Park) meets more than one of the criteria for designation listed above. These criteria are explained below:

1. The property has design or physical value because it,
- i. Has buildings in the form of picnic shelters that are associated with the Lake Simcoe Junction Railway that operated on this site. This railway began operation on this site over 150 years ago, and remained an important element of colonial Ontario for over 50 years. While the shelters are no longer in their original location, which was further north and west of their present location, they are still on the same tract of land upon which they first served the travelling public.

I am including this excerpt from the book “Narrow Gauge for Us” by author Charles Cooper, published in 1982;

*“The Grand Trunk Station sat on the northerly edge of Lake Road at the park entrance and consisted of one of the standard GTR flag stop waiting rooms and two additional open shelters for the protection of excursionists and any baggage in the event of rain. When the railway was dismantled, all three structures were moved to the water’s edge in the same park. The two open shelters have survived to this day, but the station itself succumbed to the weather and was dismantled some years later”.*

It is interesting to study the detail in the shelters. Although some components have been replaced since their relocation, the dimensions and roof line have remained true, and the highly detailed truss system and supports are still evident and doing their job 150 years after they were originally created. Interestingly, the shelters have stood in their present location for longer than they did as railway shelters, protecting generations of park goers for more than eighty years. They are worthy of historical preservation even without the incredible link to the Lake Simcoe Junction Railway.

2. The property has historical or associative value because it,
- i. Delineates the layout of the rail line as it ran out onto a large wharf that extended out into the lake, large enough to accommodate four railway cars. The gentle curve from Lorne Street to the lake is the essence of the connection from the land to the protected natural

harbour that was instrumental in opening up the Georgina area to European influence years before this area was easily accessible by land. It is also the exact piece of real estate the Crown granted to the Town of Sutton in 1937, "to be used as a public right of way to the lake".

Bonnie Park/Lorne Park (Jackson's Point Park) was part of the original 1200 acre land grant awarded to Captain William Bouchier, a retired British officer. Originally known as Frying Pan Point, then Bouchier's Point, Jackson's Point itself earned its name from Bouchier's son in law, John Mills Jackson, an advocate for political reform in Upper Canada. Mr. Jackson had tried to attain a land grant but was turned down by the governing "Family Compact" because of his activities in trying to establish an independent government in Upper Canada. By marrying into the Bouchier family he was able to purchase the property and build a homestead. Mr. Jackson passed away in 1836 during a trip to England and his family retained ownership until 1855, when the property was acquired by local business man Levi Miller. In turn, Mr. Miller was approached by representatives of the Lake Simcoe Junction Railway who wanted to create a branch of the Toronto and Nipissing Railway, as early as 1872. Up to this point in time, steam boats had been the main method of transportation as land access was impossible most of the year, being just paths through the swamps. The Lake Simcoe Junction Railway was about to change all that.

Many of Georgina's early settlers, including J.R. Bouchier, J.R. Stephenson, Donald MacDonald, Angus Ego, John Ramsden, R.A. Riddel and more were associated with purchasing the land and bringing the railway to Georgina. By 1877 the rail line was in place, moving lumber from the busy saw mill at 20 Bonnie Blvd. to the markets in Toronto and the northern states.

Although lumber was the impetus for starting the railway, by the 1890's, lumber was being supplemented by the ice industry, employing local men for many years. Lake Simcoe Ice was considered to be 100% pure and was shipped from Jackson's Point south to Toronto and beyond, as far as the northern states. Jackson's Point was one of only four places on Lake Simcoe where ice harvesting was practical. This is because ice is a perishable commodity, and the railway was the only efficient method of transporting any volume of it. The other access points on the lake were at Orillia, Barrie and Belle Ewart, which all had railway access. This industry required specialized warehouses and equipment which dominated the scenery in Jackson's Point. Some of the ice houses were 100 feet long, 30 feet wide and 30 feet tall.

Slowly, the ice industry began to seek other methods of supplying their needs. Artificial ice became common, and the ice trade was supplemented by the burgeoning tourist trade. As society became wealthier and more adventurous, Lake Simcoe, and especially Jackson's Point, beckoned. Jackson's Point proudly bears the moniker "Ontario's First Cottage Country" and this is principally due to the proximity to Toronto and the ease with which travelers could visit on the train. Bonnie Park/Lorne Park (Jackson's Point Park) and the Malone Road Wharf became the centre of this trade, with steam boat excursions taking happy tourists out on the lake and others enjoying the numerous dancehalls, hotels, inns, taverns and tourist cabins. Lake Simcoe was also recognized as having such fine clean air that several "sanitariums" were opened by medical professionals. The rail line and the steam boats made all of this activity possible.

Once again, progress changed things and the railway slowly became obsolete. It was replaced by a convenient electric railway that made daily trips to Jackson's Point for many years, the Radial line, and the motor car. The last run out of Jackson's Point took place on September 24, 1927, and the rails to Jackson's Point, and down to the wharf, were lifted shortly thereafter.



The legendary Herb Lennox picnics were held on Bonnie Park/Lorne Park (Jackson's Point Park) from 1907 until 1933, eventually attracting 25,000 people for the one day extravaganza. Herb Lennox represented York North in the Legislative Assembly from 1905 until 1923, and sat in the House of Commons as a Conservative until his death in 1934. Mr. Lennox had a cottage in the area and recognized the value of sponsoring such an event in the beautiful Jackson's Point Park. The railway played a significant part in the picnic, with extra trains being put into service just for the day.

From the time that the railway ceased to function until 1937, the Town of Sutton leased the park from the federal government, which owned it by right of the Grand Trunk Railway, which had absorbed the Lake Simcoe Junction Railway. The Town then sublet the park to Stephen Sellers, who built a large dance hall by the beach. This dance hall was the Edgewater, considered to be one of the classiest joints on the south shore. Popular bands of the day entertained there and many of our longtime residents still have fond memories of it. Mr. Sellers also owned the adjoining property, currently the site of the Ramada Hotel, and operated the whole site as a tourist destination.

In 1937, after leasing the park from the Crown once the railway pulled out, the Town of Sutton was granted Bonnie Park/Lorne Park (Jackson's Point Park). One of the conditions of the grant is that "it be maintained by the Municipality as a public right of way to the lake". The Town of Sutton was eventually integrated with Georgina and North Gwillimbury to become The Town of Georgina. Bonnie Park/Lorne Park (Jackson's Point Park) is still owned by the people of the Town of Georgina.

3. The property has contextual value because it,
  - i. is an integral part of everyday life for the residents of the community, and numerous tourists and visitors, as it has been for the previous 2 centuries, and long before that by the First Nations people.
  - ii. the shape and foot print of the park, in its entirety, is defined by the rail line, and is the shape of the land that was granted to the people of the Municipality of Sutton, "as a public right of way to the lake".
  - iii. Bonnie Park/Lorne Park aka Jackson's Point Park, has been a landmark for generations of picnickers, boaters, canoeists, ice fishers, bird watchers, tourists, residents, bathers and numerous other pursuits for over 200 years.

#### Conclusion:

Bonnie Park/Lorne Park (Jackson's Point Park) meets the necessary criteria for heritage designation under part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act items 1(i), 2(i), and 3(i), 3(ii), and 3(iii). Accordingly, I respectfully request that the Heritage Committee recommend that Bonnie Park/Lorne Park (Jackson's Point Park) PIN 03518-0512 (LT), be designated as a heritage property.

**Sarah Elliott**

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**From:** \*Communications Division  
**Sent:** Tuesday, November 12, 2019 9:59 AM  
**To:** \*Everyone (Internal & External) - Authorized Use Only  
**Subject:** Internet issues at home?

Good morning all staff,

The Town is currently undertaking an initiative to better understand the state of connectivity across Georgina. The information collected from this process will help us determine what role the Town should play in the provision of broadband and what steps are required to fulfill that role.

### **How can I participate?**

If you live in Georgina, we encourage you to fill in the Town's [speed test survey](#). The survey should be completed from your home address. The survey is open from Nov. 1 – Nov. 30. Please be sure to share this with your neighbours as well!

### **Where can I learn more?**

Find out more about the broadband initiative by visiting [georgina.ca/broadband](http://georgina.ca/broadband) or contact [Shawn](#) (x2325) or [Rebecca](#) (x2305) in the Office of the CAO.

On behalf of,



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**TOWN OF GEORGINA – CLERKS DIVISION**  
**POLICY No. #####**

<b>Subject:</b> <b>Heritage Plaque Program</b>	<b>Authority, Ref. &amp; Sec.</b>	
<b>Policy Classification:</b>	<b>Pages:</b> 1 - 4	
<b>Recommended/Approved by:</b>	<b>Contact Position for Inf.</b> Deputy Clerk Town Clerk Deputy CAO	

**POLICY STATEMENT:**

The Town of Georgina is committed to recognizing the importance of local properties Designated under Part IV or Part V of the *Ontario Heritage Act*, as well as their owners' contributions as stewards of our community's history, through the Heritage Plaque Program.

The following policy has been designed to provide a framework and guideline for the Heritage Plaquing Program

**POLICY:**

**PURPOSE**

To ensure that the Heritage Plaque Program is implemented in a manner that provides consistency and a framework for the approval of all Heritage Plaques to be installed in the Town of Georgina

**SCOPE**

The Town of Georgina shall acknowledge properties with architectural and historical value in the Town through the Heritage Plaque Program. This policy does not cover signage, display boards, public art or interpretive historical signage projects.

**DETAILS:**

Properties in the Town of Georgina that have been Designated under Part IV or Part V of the *Ontario Heritage Act* are automatically considered for recognition under the Heritage Plaque Program.

The Georgina Heritage Advisory Committee will contact the property owner(s) of the property to obtain their consent for the installation of a Heritage Plaque on the exterior of the Designated structure.

Once the property owner's consent is obtained, the Heritage Georgina Advisory Committee, with the assistance of Town staff, shall procure the Heritage Plaque according to the specifications outlined below.

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### Plaque Details

- Plaques are 8.5" x 14" x ¼" and constructed from clear acrylic with second surface graphics (The life expectancy is 25+ years).
- If known - Each plaque will display the building's year of construction, historic name and municipal address.

### Administrative Details

- Each plaque will include mounting studs, a drill pattern and illustrated instruction sheet so the purchaser may install it.
- All costs associated with the purchase of Heritage Plaques shall be borne by the Georgina Heritage Advisory Committee
- Once the Committee's annual Plaque budget is depleted, no Heritage Plaques shall be provided in that year unless a property owner who wishes to may purchase their own plaque (with approval of the Georgina Heritage Committee) through the Committee at the supplier's most recently quoted price.
- Plaques remain the property of the Town of Georgina.
- The Heritage Plaque Program is subject to approval from Council

### Replacement Plaques

It is recognized that Heritage Plaques may require periodic replacement. Replacement plaques may be requested in writing from the Georgina Heritage Advisory Committee via the Committee Services Coordinator, and will be provided following the same procedure as outlined in this Policy. The option for a picture taking ceremony is waived for replacement plaques.

### **RATIONALE FOR CONSIDERATION:**

Properties that are Designated and Listed on the Heritage Register or any other property deemed historically or culturally significant may be considered by the Heritage Committee for Plaque recognition. Properties that have received a plaque under the previous program may be eligible for a replacement plaque at the discretion of the Georgina Heritage Committee.

### **PROCEDURE:**

1. The Committee shall review properties for potential plaque recognition at their regular meetings and shall pass a resolution for any property it wishes to receive a plaque.

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2. Prior to purchasing a plaque the staff shall contact the owner to confirm their willingness to accept and post the plaque. If the Committee wishes to have an unveiling for the Plaque the owner shall be asked to affirm if they would agree to an unveiling ceremony.
3. If the owner accepts the plaque staff shall move forward with the purchase of the plaque.
4. When the plaque arrives staff shall contact the owner to advise them the plaque is ready to be picked up.

**BUDGET:**

The costs of Committee initiated plaques are to be funded by the Town through the Georgina Heritage Committee's budget.