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GRAND TRUNK/CANADIAN NATIONAL RAILWAY STATION

By-law No. 2017-101 – Passed October 23, 2017

Legal Description

LT 35 E/S FRONT ST, 35 W/S LAKE ST, 36 W/S LAKE ST, 12 E/S LAKE ST PL 133 ORILLIA; PT LT 34 E/S FRONT ST, 36 E/S FRONT ST, 37 E/S FRONT ST, 34 W/S LAKE ST, 37 W/S LAKE ST, 9 E/S LAKE ST, 10 E/S LAKE ST, 11 E/S LAKE ST PL 133 ORILLIA; PT W PT LT 9 CON 5 SOUTH ORILLIA; PT QUEEN ST, LAKE ST OR SIMCOE ST PL 133 ORILLIA CLOSED BY RO1450205; PT 1, 2, 3, 4 & 5, 51R29148; ORILLIA.

Name and Address of Owner

City of Orillia
50 Andrew Street South, Suite 300
Orillia, ON L3V 7T5

Statement of Cultural Heritage Value

This property contains a railway station built in 1917 by the Grand Trunk Railway. The station is a single storey, masonry building with a distinctive roofline and large passenger and freight loading platforms. The property is a community landmark and contains the only unmodified railway station in Orillia.

This structure was built to replace a station that burned in or around 1915 on the same site where three main tracklines intersected and/or converged.

The construction of this station was during the First World War (1914 to 1918) and served as a transfer station for troops stationed at Camp Borden. The station served the same purpose during the Second World War (1939 to 1945). Throughout its active existence as a railway station, it served the public as a transportation and communications hub.

This station has many architectural and cultural heritage landscape elements representative of the operation and design of early 20th century railway station sites. The quality of the exterior detailing and finish contributes to the cultural heritage value or interest of this property. These elements and qualities were retained by the 1989 restoration of the station.

Description of Heritage Attributes

The heritage attributes of this property are the 1917 railway station with its large passenger and freight platforms. The following elements of these heritage attributes are important to the cultural heritage value or interest of this property:

Railway Station

- the irregular rectangular plan and single storey massing
- the balanced overall proportions
- the low pitched, hipped roof with balanced projections with lower rooflines of similar pitch on all four facades



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- the prominence and complexity of its roof definition from all four perspectives (lower level but similar rooflines of extending porte-cocheres (shelters) on three sides, the telegrapher's bay on the fourth)
- the exposed, wood rafter ends
- the wood eaves brackets
- the placement of the chimney toward the east end centre of the roof
- all components of the passenger and freight shelters and platforms
- all masonry pillars
- the rock faced masonry base of walls and pillars
- the smooth red brick with fine red mortar joints on the upper walls
- all exterior wood detailing
- the placement of the exterior window openings, and the double and single hung, multi and single paned window sashes, frames, and sills
- the placement of all exterior door openings, and the glazed doors, pilasters (west only), transoms, sidelight, and lower wood panel compositions of the entryways
- the metal signalling device on the south roof

Cultural Landscape Elements

- the Saginaw type paving stone of the platforms
- the gable end, medium pitched roof of the 1.5 storey structure
- the original, segmental shaped window openings, with lugsills
- the original, single width door opening with a plain transom, on the east facade (not including the replacement doorcase or porch elements)
- all elements of the dichromatic masonry, including the red-orange coloured bricks laid in common bond, with buff coloured accent bricks, and a cream coloured mortar
- the rubblestone foundation