

THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF KENORA

BY-LAW NUMBER 142-2008

A BY-LAW TO DESIGNATE A CERTAIN PROPERTY UNDER THE ONTARIO HERITAGE ACT

WHEREAS Section 29 of the Ontario Heritage Act states that the council of a municipality may, by by-law, designate a property within the municipality to be of cultural heritage value or interest if,

- (a) where criteria for determining whether property is of cultural heritage value or interest have been prescribed by regulation, the property meets the prescribed criteria; and
- (b) the designation is made in accordance with the process set out in this section. 2005, c. 6, s. 17 (1)., and

WHEREAS the property at 1 Seventh Street South, RP KR1025 Parts 2 & 6, Parcel 25415 & Part 6, Water Lot, known as the Cameron House, meets the criteria prescribed by the Province for designation under the Ontario Heritage Act; and

WHEREAS Heritage Kenora considered a staff report recommending designation of this property at its meeting of April 17, 2008 and recommended the property be designated under the Ontario Heritage Act; and
2006; and

WHEREAS these actions of the City of Kenora Council fulfill the requirement of the Ontario Heritage Act that Council consult with the Board before giving notice of its intention to designate a property; and

WHEREAS the staff report advises that the building meets the criteria for historical designation under the Act; and

WHEREAS extensive community consultation has made very clear the significance of the building as a historical, cultural and architectural anchor, helping to define the historical character of the neighbourhood; and

WHEREAS this Victorian home is a landmark on Lake of the Woods, in the south-east channel of Kenora Bay, known as Cameron's Point; and

WHEREAS a notice of intention to designate was issued on June 18th, 2008, with the end of the appeal period being July 18, 2008, with no appeals having been received;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the City of Kenora hereby enacts as follows:-

1. That the property located at 1 Seventh Street South, known as the Cameron House, be and is hereby designated under Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act for its cultural heritage value or interest, as indicated in Schedule A to this By-law;
2. That this by-law shall take effect and come into force upon third and final reading of the by-law.
3. That By-law No. 114-2008 is hereby repealed.

BY-LAW READ A FIRST AND SECOND TIME THIS 15th DAY OF September, 2008
BY-LAW READ A THIRD AND FINAL TIME THIS 15th DAY OF September, 2008

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_____ **Leonard P. Compton, Mayor**

_____ **Joanne L. McMillin, City Clerk**

Statement of Cultural Heritage Value or Interest

Description of Property

1 Seventh Street South, Kenora P9N 1P3
RP KR1025 Parts 2 & 6, Parcel 25415 & Part 6, Water Lot
Zoning: R1/HL

This is a 3 storey residential building located on the Lake of the Woods in Kenora. The cultural heritage value lies in it being a landmark on Lake of the Woods, in the south-east channel of Kenora Bay on the former site of sawmill.

Design or Physical Value

The 3 storied, residential structure is brick construction with a granite block foundation. The grand Victorian combination style of this lakeside mansion is reflected through;

Exterior

- *the corbels – at regular intervals around the roofline and attic dormers*
- *the cornice – heavy cornice under the corbels, forming a band around the house at the roofline*
- *the dentils – at regular intervals around eave of attic dormer*
- *the columns – seen on the lake side (facing west) flanking the front entry*
- *the massing – very large residence in proportion to neighbouring homes*

Interior

- oak panelling – in dining room area
- fireplace – glazed with inlaid tiles imported from Italy
- original windows – some of weighted wood frame windows original to the home have been preserved
- crown moulding
- oak beamed ceilings
- built-in oak sideboard in dining room

Historical or Associative Value

The architect of this design was the firm of Ross & McFarlane of Montreal. They have designed such Canadian landmarks as the Chateau Laurier in Ottawa and the Hotel Fort Garry in Winnipeg.

Built for W. G. Cameron in 1912, this house was constructed on the site of the Ross, Hall and Brown sawmill. The property was originally owned by Walter Ross, Richard Hall and Matthew Brown. They eventually sold the property to Douglas, Cameron and Kennedy etc. and it became the Cameron and Kennedy sawmill. Eventually the property was sold to the Ontario and Western Lumber Co. which was transferred to the Rat Portage Lumber Co. in 1896 and the property was assumed into their other holdings. Their actual sawmill though was on the site of the Recreation Centre and Safeway.

This property was parceled out in 1898 and continued to be parceled out and subdivided until it reached its present state - 1 Seventh Street South, being only a small part of the original sawmill site.

Mr. Cameron came from Truro, NS to Kenora at the age of 18 to work on the CPR. He married Miss Hattie Hennessey in 1888 and their family followed closely. By the time the house was built, W. G. Cameron was a partner in Cameron and Heap Wholesale Grocers Co. Ltd., on the corner of Matheson St. and First Ave. South.

Contextual Value

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