

# The Corporation of the City of Kenora

## By-law Number 127 - 2015

### A By-law to designate a certain property under the Ontario Heritage Act – Kenora Library

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**Whereas** Section 29 of the Ontario Heritage Act, RSO 1990, authorizes Council of a municipality to designate 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 locally known as the Kenora Public Library – 24 Main Street S., Kenora, described as Plan 3, Block 1, Lot 28 as a property of historical value or interest under Part IV, Section 29 of The Ontario Heritage Act (RSO 1990. Ch. O,18) ; and

**Whereas** Council considered a staff report, including a recommendation from Heritage Kenora, recommending designation of this property at its meeting of October 22, 2014 and recommended the property be designated under the Ontario Heritage Act; and

**Whereas** the Clerk of the City of Kenora has caused Notice of Intention to Designate to be given in accordance with section 29(3) of the Ontario Heritage Act, RSO 1990; and

**Whereas** no Notice of Objection has been served on the Clerk within the meaning of Section 29(5) of the Ontario Heritage Act, RSO 1990; and

**Now Therefore Be it Resolved That:** The Council of the City of Kenora hereby enacts as follows:

1. That the building and elements described in Schedule “A” hereto and is described as the Kenora Public Library – 24 Main Street S., Kenora, described as Plan 3, Block 1, Lot 28 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.

**The Corporation of the City of Kenora:-**

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**David S. Canfield, Mayor**

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**Heather L. Kasprick, City Clerk**

## **Kenora Public Library**

**Street Address:** 24 Main Street South - Kenora

**Legal Description:** Plan 3, Block 1, Lot 28

**Construction Date(s):** 1915

**Ownership:** City of Kenora

**Use:** Public Library

### **Design/Physical Values:**

The predominant features of many of the Ontario Carnegie library buildings have their origins in classical Doric, Ionic, and Corinthian architecture. The majority of these buildings were single-storey with exposed basements and centrally located entrances with columned porticos and a symmetrical arrangement of windows. These classical details are easily recognized in the Kenora Public Library, which is constructed of brick and served by a single flight of exterior stairs, with twin columns supporting the portico.

The building is what is termed the Greek Revival Style which is based on the ancient Greek Temple and some would consider it the first truly North American Style. The style is associated with the ideals of Greek Democracy and the similar ideals of the American Government at the time. There is symmetry around the central entry. The columns are of the Doric order, the simplest and oldest of the classical orders. This is a modified Doric as the column has stylized flute/facets. The entablature contains the architrave, the frieze, and the cornice. In Greek Revival this cornice incorporates a pediment. This style is heavily dependent on the proportional relationship of the elements. e.g. the entablature is 1.4 x column width.

Key attributes that express the value of the Kenora Public Library building include;

- Greek revival style
- twin Doric columns
- columned portico
- denticulated cornice
- symmetrical windows and window openings c/w brick lintels and keystones
- variegated brick exterior
- Mansard roofline
- brick Chimney on north wall
- Tyndall stone front entryway
- building name – Public Library – in raised lettering
- arched front doorway
- finial roof cap of stone
- corbel brick work
- front yard setback and green space
- interior ceiling height

### **Contextual Values:**

The Kenora Public Library has been a focal part of the community, and a gathering place for almost 100 years. It is historically and visually linked to its surroundings where it contributes to an important collection of buildings in the downtown corridor.

The front yard setback allows for one of only two green spaces on Main Street.