

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO DESIGNATE

TAKE NOTICE that the Council of The Corporation of the City of Owen Sound intends to designate the property, including lands and buildings, at the following municipal address as a property of cultural heritage value or interest under Part IV of the *Ontario Heritage Act*, R.S.O. 1990.

Description of the Property

- Carnegie Public Library Wing, 824 1st Avenue West

The Carnegie Wing of the Owen Sound & North Grey Union Public Library is located on the northwest corner of 1st Avenue West and 8th Street West, across from Queen's Park and the Sydenham River, in the City of Owen Sound.

Statement of Cultural Heritage Value or Interest

Completed in 1914 with a grant from American industrialist and philanthropist Andrew Carnegie, the Carnegie Public Library Wing has design or physical value as a good example of library design in its day, on the exterior and interior. This single-storey building, with a raised basement and Neo-Classical features, was very much in keeping with the design principles encouraged by the Carnegie program's philosophy. For example, the original front steps flanked by globe lights gave the impression of rising up to a higher level of enlightened knowledge. The Carnegie Wing is among very few public buildings in Owen Sound which has gone to great lengths to preserve its decorative interior plasterwork.

The property has historical or associative value as a "Carnegie Library" due to its association with the Andrew Carnegie Foundation, which granted the Town of Owen Sound \$26,000 to build this Library. The Carnegie Wing is an excellent example of the design of Owen Sound's premiere architects of the day, Forster & Clark. On the interior, the arched ceiling decoration was created by Toronto plasterer J.P. Hynes.

The property has contextual value because of its importance in defining the area, and is physically, functionally, visually and historically linked to its surroundings as an Owen Sound landmark, part of the civic complex which also includes the Tom Thomson Art Gallery, Queen's Park, the Cenotaph and Jervis Bay Park.

Further information respecting the proposed designation is available from the Community Services Department, Planning Division.

Notice of objection to the proposed designation, together with a statement of the reasons for the objection and all relevant facts, may be filed with the Clerk of the City of Owen Sound before June 7, 2009.

Dated at the City of Owen Sound this the 8th day of May, 2009.

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