IN THE MATTER OF THE ONTARIO HERITAGE ACT,

R.S.O. 1990, CHAPTER 0.18

AND IN THE MATTER OF THE PROPERTY KNOWN AS

81, 83, 89, 91 Carleton Street

IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF MISSISSIPPI MILLS,
IN THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO.

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO DESIGNATE

TO: Ontario Heritage Trust
The Ontario Heritage Centre
10 Adelaide Street East
Toronto, ON M5C 1J3
registrar@heritagetrust.on.ca
Attention: Provincial Heritage Registrar

Notice of intention to designate: 81, 83, 89, 91 Carleton Street
Take notice that the Council of the Corporation of the Municipality of Mississippi Mills intends to designate **81, 83, 89, 91 Carleton Street** as properties of cultural heritage value or interest under section 29, Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act, R.S.O. 1990, Chapter 0.18.

Description of the property
The legal description of the subject properties are PLAN 6262 LOT 63 LOT 65 and PLAN 6262 LOT 62 LOT 66.

Statement of cultural heritage value or interest
The subject properties are worthy of designation under Part IV, Section 29 of the *Ontario Heritage Act* because they meet **four** of the nine prescribed criteria for determining cultural heritage value or interest, according to Ontario Regulation 9/06 as amended by Ontario Regulation 569/22. The heritage attributes of **81, 83, 89, 91 Carleton Street** display: design/physical, historical/associative, and contextual value.

The subject properties meet **Criteria 1** because they are a rare, unique, representative or early example of a style, type, expression, material or construction method. The Superintendents' Houses, 81-83 and 89-91 Carleton Street, are representative examples of simple balloon frame structures. Built as two single detached dwellings, they were later converted into semi-detached dwellings. The buildings are balloon frame

buildings, a construction method that spread rapidly across North American after its first appearance in Chicago in 1833, reaching Ontario later in the 1850s. These buildings were built of vertical studs that ran from the foundations up to the roof plate, interrupted by floor joists. They were ideally suited to new communities in Ontario because of the vast quantities of timber, the increasing number of hydraulic sawmills and that unskilled workers could easily and quickly build a balloon frame structure. The widespread availability of nails also made these houses easy to build. As a cheap housing type that was easy to build quickly when needed, many balloon frame houses were very simple, lacking in exterior decoration. This is the case with the Superintendents' Houses as they have few exterior decorative elements.

The subject properties meet **Criteria 4** because they have associations with a theme, event, belief, person, activity, organization or institution that is significant to a community. The properties have significant historical and associative value because of their association with the Rosamond Woolen Mills, Almonte's most important mills for decades. The mills employed hundreds of people over the decades and gave Almonte its identity as a major Canadian manufacturing centre. The houses are historically linked to the adjacent woollen mill complex.

The subject properties meet **Criteria 5** because they yield, or have the potential to yield, information that contributes to an understanding of a community or culture. The Superintendents' Houses have historical and associative value because they illustrate the transformation of Almonte from a tiny community in 1819 to one of Canada's largest industries by the end of the century. The rapid growth of the town as a mill town, the arrival of workers to the town, and the increasing success of the surrounding agricultural area made Almonte an important centre in Lanark County. By 1871, when the houses were built, Almonte's mills had grown to the extent that construction of housing for managers at the mill was warranted. By then, the town offered many services including a doctor, dentists, regular rail service to Ottawa and other destinations, as well as churches of many denominations. It served as a local commercial centre for the surrounding agricultural communities.

The subject properties meet **Criteria 8** because they have contextual value because they are physically, functionally, visually or historically linked to its surroundings. The Superintendents' Houses were constructed for superintendents of the Rosamond Woolen Mills and have contextual value because of their proximity to the former mill complex. The property is functionally linked to the adjacent Rosamond Mill site and its buildings. From the initial construction of the first mill building on the site through decades of use for milling, the Superintendents' Houses accommodated employees of the mill. The proximity of management to the mill was deliberate, as it enabled superintendents to get to the mill quickly if there was a problem, and to report for their shifts. The company landscaped the island providing amenities such as a croquet court.

The Superintendents' Houses were historically and visually connected to the site as they were visible from different vantage points around the town, establishing their relationship with the complex.

Description of Heritage Attributes

The following key exterior elements contribute to the heritage value of the Superintendents' Houses, 81, 83, 89, 91 Carleton Street, Almonte, as good examples of utilitarian 19th century workers' housing, and should be considered as heritage attributes in a designation under Part IV, Section 29 of the Ontario Heritage Act, and include:

- One and a half storey simple wooden balloon frame construction, with limited exterior decoration
- Clapboard siding
- Stone foundation
- Semi-detached form, designed to accommodate four families in total
- Enclosed side entry porches
- Symmetrical plans
- Hipped gabled roof and dormers
- Paired eaves brackets
- Wooden sash windows, arranged singly and in pairs with wooden surrounds

Setting

- Location close to former mill buildings

Attributes Not Included in this Designation

The interior of the buildings are not included in this designation.

It is intended that non-original features may be returned to the documented earlier designs or to their documented original state without requiring Council to amend the heritage designation by-law.

A more detailed description of the property's cultural heritage value can be found in the staff report to the Heritage Advisory Committee dated **September 2, 2026**, which can be viewed at calendar.mississippimills.ca/council by selecting the date of the meeting.

Notice of Objection

Any person may send a notice of objection to this proposed designation, within 30 days after the date of publication of the notice of intention, before 4 p.m. on **Saturday, December 5, 2026**. This notice must be sent by registered mail or delivered to the Clerk of the Municipality of Mississippi Mills and must set out the reason for the objection and all relevant facts. If a notice of objection is received, the Council of the Municipality of Mississippi Mills shall consider the objection and make a decision whether or not to

withdraw the notice of intention to designate the property within 90 days after the end of the 30-day objection period. If Council decides not to withdraw its intention to designate, a heritage designation by-law must be passed within 120 days after the date of publication of the notice of intention to designate. Council must publish a Notice of Passing of the designation by-law which is followed by a 30-day appeal period when appeals of the by-law may be given to the Ontario Land Tribunal for a hearing and decision.

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Notice dated: November 5, 2026