

Notice of Intention to Designate

In the matter of the Ontario Heritage Act, R.S.O. 1990, c. O.18, as amended, and in the matter of the lands and premises at the following municipal address in the Province of Ontario;

Take Notice that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Springwater intends to designate the following municipal address as being of cultural heritage value or interest under Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act, R.S.O. 1990, c. O.18, as amended.

3985 Horseshoe Valley Road West – Anten Mills Community Centre Formerly the Anten Mills School

Description of Property

The Anten Mills Community Centre is located on the south side of Horseshoe Valley Road West, in the former Township of Vespra, now in the Township of Springwater. It consists of a one storey hall, pavilion, and park area. The property is legally described as CON 7 PT LOT 1 LOT 10 TO 13 PL 352 & PL 1462 BLK A.

Statement of Cultural Heritage Value or Interest

The Anten Mills Community Centre's cultural heritage value lies in its historical and associative ties to the community and early education system in Ontario, being the former Anten Mills School. The original school was built in 1875 and was a frame building that resembled a shed that could only hold 90 students. With the area mill owned by Mr. Anderson and Mr. Tennant creating a thriving community, a new school was required to accommodate the increase in population. This mill also created a new name for the community, Anten Mills, by using a combination of the mill owners' last names.

Mr. Charles Anderson donated land and lumber for the new school at the present location, 3985 Horseshoe Valley Road. Mr. Anderson's carpenter Mr. Batterick constructed the Anten Mills School for a cost of \$1,500. The school was made of brick that was said to cost \$3.00 per thousand. The interior included wood wainscoting and window trim and wood floors that are still intact today. The bell house was not a part of the original construction, being added to the exterior in 1936 and from then on alerting school children to the start of classes and the end of day. The trees in the yard were planted around 1927, two years after reforestry opened in the area. Once a year, the school was lit up with gasoline lamps, loaned by two of the parents for the nighttime Christmas concert. In 1940, electricity was finally installed permanently lighting up the school. Throughout its 75-year history as the Anten Mills School, upgrades were made while still retaining the original schoolhouse features. This included insulation in 1949 and indoor water in 1952.

In January 1967, the Anten Mills School was officially closed with students being transferred to Minesing Central School. With the schoolhouse being a defining feature of the community, the Anten Mills Hall Board was established in 1971 by the Township of Vespra to begin the process of transitioning the former school to a community centre. In

1972 the School Board officially conveyed the land to the Township. This transfer started the new era of the Anten Mills Community Centre while appreciating the original roots of the old schoolhouse.

Description of Heritage Attributes

The principal features and characteristics that together characterize the core heritage values of the Anten Mills Community Centre are:

- Anten Mills School Bell Tower
- Original exterior unpainted brick façade and finish
- Original wainscoting and window trim in original schoolhouse portion
- Exposed brick wall in the kitchen
- Original hardwood floor underneath the tile
- Original tongue and groove ceiling underneath the drop ceiling

Supporting Information and Reports

Additional background information and reports to Council regarding the proposed designation of the Anten Mills Community Centre can be viewed on the Township's website at the following link: www.springwater.ca/heritage

Due to ongoing COVID-19 health restrictions, the Township Administration Centre may be physically closed. Therefore, information may not be able to be provided in-person at the office. If you would like a copy of any of the background reports and cannot access them using the above link to our website, please call 705-728-4784 ext. 2015 or email clerks@springwater.ca.

Notice of Objection

A person who objects to a proposed designation shall, within thirty days after the date of publication of the notice of intention, serve on the Clerk of the Township of Springwater a notice of objection setting out the reason for the objection and all relevant facts. Objections will be received by registered mail or may be hand-delivered by placing it in the Administration Centre drop box. **Objections shall be received by no later than 4:00 p.m. on the 17th day of May, 2021.** Objections will be referred to the Conservation Review Board for a hearing and report.

Dated this 15th day of April, 2021

Renée Ainsworth, Clerk
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