

The Corporation of the Township of Springwater

By-law 2021-058

Being a By-law to designate the property municipally known as the Anten Mills Community Centre, located at 3985 Horseshoe Valley Road West in the Township of Springwater, under Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act

(Heritage Designation – Anten Mills Community Centre)

Whereas Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act, R.S.O. 1990, as amended, authorizes the Council of a municipality to enact a by-law to designate a property within the municipality to be of cultural heritage value or interest;

And Whereas the Township of Springwater Heritage Advisory Committee conducted a heritage evaluation of the Anten Mills Community Centre, located at 3985 Horseshoe Valley Road West, on December 3, 2019;

And Whereas the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Springwater reviewed details of the evaluation and the Heritage Advisory Committee's recommendation at their October 7, 2020 meeting;

And Whereas the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Springwater at its meeting held on October 7, 2020, passed resolution C366-2020 directing staff to begin the process of designating the Anten Mills Community Centre pursuant to the Ontario Heritage Act;

And Whereas the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Springwater at its meeting held on April 7, 2021, passed resolution C154-2021 describing the heritage attributes of the Anten Mills Community Centre pursuant to the Ontario Heritage Act;

And Whereas the Corporation of the Township of Springwater has provided Notice of Intention to Designate the Anten Mills Community Centre a property of cultural heritage value or interest in the Springwater News on April 15, 2021;

And Whereas no Notice of Objection to the proposed designation has been served on the Clerk of the municipality;

And Whereas the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Springwater deems it desirable to designate the Anten Mills Community Centre as a property of cultural heritage value or interest under Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act;

Now Therefore the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Springwater enacts as follows:

1. That the property known as the Anten Mills Community Centre more particularly described in Schedule "A" attached hereto, be hereby designated as being of cultural heritage value and interest.

2. That the Statement of Cultural Heritage Value or Interest and Description of Heritage Attributes set out in Schedule "B" attached hereto and forming part of this By-law, are hereby adopted.
3. That the Clerk is hereby authorized to cause a copy of the By-law to be registered on title for the aforesaid property with the Land Registry Office.
4. That the Clerk is hereby authorized to cause a copy of the By-law to be served on the Ontario Heritage Trust and to cause notice of the passing of this By-law to be published in a newspaper having general circulation in the municipality.
5. That this By-law shall take force and effect upon final passage hereof.

Read a First, Second and Third Time and Finally Passed this 2nd day of June, 2021.



Don Allen, Mayor



Renée Ainsworth, Clerk

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Schedule "A"

Property Legal Description

PIN 58350-0095 LT

LT 10 S/S MAIN ST PL 352 VESPRA; LT 11 S/S MAIN ST PL 352 VESPRA; LT 12 S/S MAIN ST PL 352 VESPRA; LT 13 S/S MAIN ST PL 352 VESPRA; PT E1/2 LT 1 CON 7 VESPRA AS IN RO428541; SPRINGWATER

PIN 58350-0096 LT

BLK A PL 1462 VESPRA; PT E1/2 LT 1 CON 7 VESPRA; PT CHURCH ST PL 352 VESPRA AS IN RO349824; SPRINGWATER

Municipal Address

3985 Horseshoe Valley Road West, Anten Mills

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Description of the Property

The Anten Mills Community Centre (formerly the Anten Mills School) 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:

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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