

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF MISSISSIPPI MILLS
BY-LAW NO. 99-36

BEING a By-Law to designate the premises known municipally as West Part of Lot 6, Concession 8, (former Township of Pakenham), Town of Mississippi Mills, as being of architectural and historical value and interest.

WHEREAS the Ontario Heritage Foundation Act, R.S.O. 1990, Chapter 0.18, authorizes the Council of a Municipality to enact by-laws to designate real property, including all buildings and structures thereon to be of architectural value or interest; and

AND WHEREAS the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Mississippi Mills has caused to be served on the owners of the dwelling situated on the West Part of Lot 6, Concession 8, (former Township of Pakenham), Town of Mississippi Mills and upon the Ontario Heritage Foundation notice of intention to so designate the aforesaid real property and have caused such notice of intention to so designate, to be published in the same newspaper having general circulation in the Municipality; and

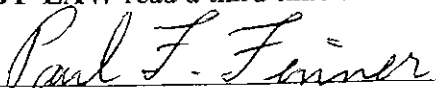
WHEREAS no notice of objection to the proposed designation has been served on the Clerk of the Municipality;

THEREFORE the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Mississippi Mills enacts as follows:

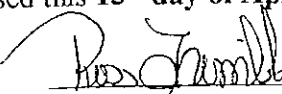
1. There is designated as being of architectural and historical value and interest, the real property known West Part of Lot 6, Concession 8, (former Township of Pakenham) Town of Mississippi Mills.
2. The Municipal Solicitor is hereby authorized to cause a copy of the By-Law to be registered against the property described, in the proper Land Registry Office.
3. The Clerk is hereby authorized to cause a copy of this By-Law to be served upon the owner of the property and upon the Ontario Heritage Foundation and to cause a notice of the By-Law to be published in the same newspaper having general circulation in the Municipality.
4. That Schedule "A" hereto attached shall form part of this By-Law.

BY-LAW read a first and second time this 13th day of April, 1999.

BY-LAW read a third time and finally passed this 13th day of April, 1999.



Paul F. Finner
MAYOR



Ross Trimble
CLERK

SCHEDULE "A" TO BY-LAW**DESIGNATION LONG FORM****Statement of Significance:**

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• Part I Historical Information:

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The first school house, S.S.#1, was a log building, built in 1842, and an estimate of L5 was given to cover the cost of erecting, furnishing and preparing it. The site of the school house in Upper Pakenham was midway across lot 6, near the gully on the 8th line.

The second log school house was erected near the cross-roads, on the south corner of lot 6W, concession 8, Pakenham Township. James Connery was the only teacher in the first log school house and the first teacher in the second log school.

Pakenham Township was settled about one year after it was surveyed in 1822. The community of Upper Pakenham soon grew up around James Connery's Farm, lot 6, concession 8. The name Cedar Hill was adopted for postal purposes in 1861 when Samuel Dickson became the first postmaster.

• Part II Architectural Information:**A. General Statement:**

This Cedar Hill School House is a fine example of an early Ontario one room school house, wooden frame construction.

B. Description of Exterior:

The Cedar Hill School House, the third school house, was built in 1874 by the Douglas Construction Company at a cost of \$800, and is a well preserved example of early Ontario school house design. One room originally, 25' x 30',

having had a one story addition of 25' x 24' with a cement block basement added to the rear in 1976. This addition was executed by J.W. McLean as general contractor and local volunteer labour. The original frame construction which was supported by a field stone foundation with crawl space, was covered by vertical board siding which is still in evidence at the front doorway where the original vestibule is still intact. The original siding is presently covered by "colorlock" which was installed in 1976. The roof is a high gable design, with plain soffit all around, covered with the original metal shingles. The windows are four over four, double hung style, of wooden construction and appear to be the original windows. There are three windows measuring 33" W x 70" H on each side of the building. These windows have had aluminum storm windows installed in 1977. In addition to these windows there are two original, wooden framed, 18" W x 70" H, windows, one on the east wall and one on the west wall, near the corners of the building, centrally located in height. The original front facade entrance, door and vestibule are still intact having had a wooden screen door added to the front of the vestibule in 1998. There is a bell tower situated in the center of the roof which was not originally part of the building. The Lumberman's Bell, cast in 1869 by Jones and Co., Troy, New York, U.S.A. which was originally used to summon workers at the nearby Indian River Limits Mill, was installed in a new bell tower on this building in 1974 to celebrate the School's centennial. There is a brick chimney showing at the front of the roof, an insulated steel chimney showing on the left side of the roof of the addition and two vent pipes showing at the rear most center edge of the roof of the original structure.

C. **Description of Interior:**

The interior of the building still retains its original style of one open room. The original hardwood flooring and wooden ceiling, wall, window and door trim are still intact and well preserved. The addition to the rear serves as a kitchen facility for the building's use today as a public rental facility for group functions. The basement of the addition which is accessible from a stair well to the right rear of the addition is used for a heating appliance and storage facility.

D. **Site:**

Situated on the east corner of lot 6W, concession 8, Pakenham Township, Ontario. This property being approximately one acre in area. Fronting southward on the Cedar Hill Road with three large maple trees at the edge of the property at the intersection of a private lane way to the adjoining property to the rear. Piled field stones some 3' in height and four large maple trees serve as boundary to the west to the lane way. A white wooden fence of the adjoining property to the rear outlines the north side of the property and a wire fence on cedar posts with bush hedge outline the east side of the property.

CEDAR HILL SCHOOL HOUSE S.S. #1, Pakenham, Ontario

Location: Lot 6 W., concession 8, Pakenham Township, Lanark County, Ontario

Present owners: The Town of Mississippi Mills

Present occupants: The Friends of the Cedar Hill School House

Present use: Meeting room, church hall, museum, and family gathering place.

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Part III. Sources of information

1. The Friends of the Cedar Hill Schoolhouse, David Donaldson-chair person at 256-1079 or 828-1769.
2. On site examination.

Part IV

Info. compiled by :

Frank Condelli