

## **SCHEDULE 'B' TO BY-LAW NUMBER 2024 – 0060 (HO-1)**

### **REASONS FOR DESIGNATION OF BONNIE PARK AND LORNE PARK**

#### **LOCATED AT 1 BONNIE BOULEVARD, JACKSON'S POINT,**

#### **ASSESSMENT ROLL NO.: 081-744**

A Cultural Heritage Evaluation Report for 20 Bonnie Boulevard and Bonnie Park prepared by ASI Archaeological & Cultural Heritage Services dated August 2017, included an evaluation of Bonnie Park and determined that it met four criteria for designation in accordance with Ontario Regulation 9/06 of the Ontario Heritage Act and as outlined below. It is important to clarify that Bonnie Park is otherwise known to apply to the park located north of Thompson Drive, and what is otherwise known as “Lorne Park” to the south. However, the parks are located on one assessment parcel and therefore have been considered in their entirety for the purposes of determining cultural heritage value. As such, all references below to “Bonnie Park” also refer to the land that encompasses “Lorne Park”, together forming 1 Bonnie Boulevard, Jackson’s Point.

#### **Statement of Cultural Heritage Value or Interest**

**Criteria 1:** The property has design value or physical value because it is a rare, unique, representative or early example of a style, type, expression, material or construction method.

**Rationale for Designation:** Bonnie Park is an early and representative example of parkland established through the conversion of a rail right-of-way to public open space.

Within the Town of Georgina, it is also a unique expression of the former Lake Simcoe Junction Railway, an important feature which contributed to the industrial and recreational history of Jackson's Point and whose arrival and removal were turning points in the history of Jackson's Point.

**Criteria 4:** The property has historical value or associative value because it has direct associations with a theme, event, belief, person, activity, organization or institution that is significant to a community.

**Rationale for Designation:** Bonnie Park is the result of the removal of the railway which was significant in providing access to Jackson's Point for recreational and industrial purposes. Starting at Union Station in Toronto, the railway brought people from communities in the south to enjoy Jackson's Point Park. In addition, the railway supported the industrial uses of the harbour including the lumber and ice cutting industries and contributed to shipping these products to communities outside Jackson's Point. The park also featured the Edgewater Dance Pavilion from 1934 to 1963, which was an important social space in Jackson's Point. Along with the adjacent Bonnie Boats Marina site, the property played a role in timber production and ice storage throughout the late-nineteenth century and early-twentieth century.

**Criteria 5:** The property has historical value or associative value because it yields, or has the potential to yield, information that contributes to an understanding of a community or culture.

**Rationale for Designation:** Bonnie Park has the ability to yield further information about

the former Lake Simcoe Junction Railway and contributes to a greater understanding of the industrial history of the adjacent property at 20 Bonnie Boulevard, the Jackson's Point Harbour and Lake Simcoe.

**Criteria 8:** The property has contextual value because it is physically, functionally, visually or historically linked to its surroundings.

**Rationale for Designation:** The structures and the historic recreational and industrial function of Bonnie Park are physically and historically linked to the Jackson's Point Harbour and the Jackson's Point community. When combined with the adjacent boathouses along Malone Road, the Malone Wharf, and the break wall, the complex provides a physical, functional and visually significant harbour landscape.

### **Description of Heritage Attributes**

Bonnie Park retains the following heritage attributes:

1. The location and shape of the park from Lake Drive to Jackson's Point Harbour, as it expresses the layout of the original rail corridor and has contributed to the industrial and recreational history of the area.
2. The two wood pavilions in the northernmost portion of the park, which replicate the shape, design and select wood detailing of the historic railway pavilions from the Jackson's Point Railway.