



Municipality of Mississippi Mills

HERITAGE ADVISORY COMMITTEE AGENDA

Wednesday, August 21, 2024

3:00 p.m.

E-participation

	Pages
A. CALL TO ORDER The Chair, Michael Rikley-Lancaster, called the meeting to order at 3:XX pm.	
B. DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST AND GENERAL NATURE THEREOF None.	
C. APPROVAL OF AGENDA Recommended Motion: THAT the agenda be approved as presented.	
D. APPROVAL OF MINUTES Recommended Motion: THAT the minutes dated June 19, 2024 be approved.	3 - 7
E. DELEGATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS None.	
F. STAFF REPORTS AND HERITAGE APPLICATIONS	
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F.4 Almonte Old Town Hall, 14 Bridge Street - Kiosk Re-painting Tiffany MacLaren, Manager of Community & Economic Development, will provide a summary of proposed re-painting work.	
G. BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF MINUTES	
G.1 Doors Open Tiffany MacLaren, Manager of Community & Economic Development, will provide an update on Doors Open.	

G.2 The Reformed Presbyterian Church of Almonte/Ramsay "Hillside Church" - 273 Almonte Street
The Committee requested additional information regarding the horse barn, including its location and size, as well as, the original size of the land that was used by the Church. Sarah More, Researcher, will provide an update.

G.3 Cemeteries 36 - 43
The Committee requested a list of Municipality maintained cemeteries. Melanie Knight, Director of Development Services and Engineering, will provide an update.

G.4 38 Main Street East - Dungarvon Building Update
Melanie Knight, Director of Development Services and Engineering, will provide an update.

H. INFORMATION / NEW BUSINESS

H.1 Heritage Register
A heritage consultant has been engaged for the Heritage Register Review project.

H.2 Naismith Almonte: Monumental Tour Brochure 44 - 45
Prepared by Sarah More, Researcher

H.3 North Lanark Historical Society Events
Home & Garden Tour at the Old Mill Manor Fundraiser
https://north-lanark-historical-society.square.site/product/home-garden-tour-at-the-old-mill-manor-fundraiser/66?cp=true&sa=false&sbp=false&q=false&category_id=6

I. MEETING ANNOUNCEMENTS
The next Heritage Committee meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, September 18, 2024 at 3:00 pm.

J. ADJOURNMENT
Recommended Motion:
THAT the meeting be adjourned at X:XX pm.



The Corporation of the Municipality of Mississippi Mills

Heritage Advisory Committee Meeting

MINUTES

June 19, 2024

3:00 p.m.

E-participation

Committee Present: Michael Rikley-Lancaster
Harold McKay
Sandra Franks
Jane Torrance
Sarah More, Researcher

Committee Absent: Janet Carlile
Stephen Brathwaite
Jill McCubbin

Staff Present: Melanie Knight, Director of Development Services & Engineering
Melissa Fudge, Planning Technician

A. CALL TO ORDER

The Chair, Michael Rikley-Lancaster, called the meeting to order at 3:01 pm.

B. DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST AND GENERAL NATURE THEREOF

None.

C. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Moved by Jane Torrance

Seconded by Harold McKay

THAT the agenda be approved as presented.

CARRIED

D. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Moved by Jane Torrance
Seconded by Sandra Franks

CARRIED

E. DELEGATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

None.

F. STAFF REPORTS AND HERITAGE APPLICATIONS

F.1 Heritage Applications Report

Melanie Knight, Director of Development Services and Engineering, provided an update on the monthly Heritage Applications and Inquiries report; and informed the committee that a heritage permit for a proposed gazebo at Metcalfe Park is anticipated for the Heritage Committee's review.

F.2 Delegated Authority for Heritage Permit Applications - Staff Analysis

Melanie Knight, Director of Development Services and Engineering, provided a summary of the current status of the Delegated Authority analysis. It was proposed that Staff prepare an analysis report outlining the recommended changes to the Delegated Authority By-law for Heritage Permit Applications. Staff expressed their intention to postpone the report until the Fall, aiming to deliver a comprehensive report that outlines several heritage related items, allowing for a more thorough and fulsome analysis.

F.3 The Reformed Presbyterian Church of Almonte/Ramsay "Hillside Church" - 273 Almonte Street

Sarah More, Researcher, provided an overview of the history of the Reformed Presbyterian Church of Almonte/Ramsay "Hillside Church" located at 273 Almonte Street. The Committee discussed the following items:

- The Church is in the preliminary stages of exploring a potential expansion of the lands that they use.
- Historically, horse barns used by the church existed on the property. These barns were relocated off of the property to make room for the current hall. It appears from photos that the horse

barns may have extended further onto the property than previously thought.

- The Committee requested additional information regarding the horse barn, including its location and size, as well as, the original size of the land that was used by the Church.

F.4 104 Old Mill Lane, Appleton - Heritage Designation

Melanie Knight, Director of Development Services and Engineering, provided a summary of the formal request submitted by the property owners at 104 Old Mill Lane to add the property to the Heritage Register list. Staff recommended proceeding with the request and adding the property to the Heritage Register List for evaluation by the Heritage Consultant for potential heritage designation.

The Chair recommended engaging Sarah More to conduct initial heritage research of the property as a starting point.

G. BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF MINUTES

G.1 38 Main Street East - Dungarvon Building Update

Melanie Knight, Director of Development Services and Engineering, provided an update on the current status of the Dungarvon Building. The Owner has responded to the recent order issued by the Chief Building Official, including the submission of supporting documentation. The Chief Building Official is currently reviewing the submitted documentation.

G.2 Mississippi Valley Textile Museum - Kitchen Venting Proposal

Melanie Knight, Director of Development Services and Engineering, provided an update on the building permit for the amendment to the kitchen venting through the roof at the Mississippi Valley Textile Museum. It was confirmed with the Deputy Chief Building Official that no additional fees are required, and the building permit has been issued for the revised venting.

G.3 Doors Open

Melanie Knight, Director of Development Services and Engineering, confirmed that the Economic Development Department is leading the Doors Open event and will reach out to the Heritage Committee if volunteers or additional support are required.

Councillor Torrance asked Sarah More if the Reformed Presbyterian Church of Almonte "Hillside" or 104 Old Mill Lane could be good options for participating in Doors Open to demonstrate how to initiate the heritage designation process, the benefits of designating a property, and the importance of protecting the community's assets.

The Chair recommended contacting Tiffany MacLaren, Manager of Community and Economic Development, prior to approaching property owners.

The Doors Open website that compiles the properties that will be showcased.

<https://www.doorsopenontario.on.ca/pages/events/mississippi-mills>

The Heritage Committee can review this list and offer support or available heritage information.

G.4 Extension of the Deadline for Listed Non-Designated Heritage Properties

Melanie Knight, Director of Development Services and Engineering, confirmed that the deadline extension for Non-Designated Heritage Properties on the Heritage Register has been approved until the end of 2026. Additionally, the budget including Heritage Consultant fees, for completing the Heritage designation work will be allocated over a two-year period rather than being limited to this year.

G.5 Cemeteries

The Chair, Michael Rikley-Lancaster, proposed that the Heritage Committee support the Parks and Recreation Department with the maintenance of the cemeteries in a manner consistent with heritage preservation principles.

Councillor Torrance requested a list of cemeteries within the Municipality, as well as, those currently maintained by the Municipality, to be presented to the Heritage Committee. Once the list is compiled, Calvin Murphy, Recreation Manager to attend the Committee meeting to discuss current maintenance processes.

Melanie Knight, Director of Development Services and Engineering, confirmed that a Staff Report outlining a proposed policy for the maintenance of Municipally owned cemeteries was prepared in 2021 but was not approved at that time. This report will be provided for review at the next meeting.

H. INFORMATION / NEW BUSINESS

None.

I. MEETING ANNOUNCEMENTS

The next Heritage Committee meeting is tentatively scheduled for Wednesday, July 17, 2024 at 3:00 pm. Council observes a summer recess in July. The Committee will only meet if there is a pressing Heritage matter. Staff will confirm if the meeting will proceed.

J. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Harold McKay

Seconded by Sandra Franks

THAT the meeting be adjourned at 3:33 pm.

CARRIED

Melissa Fudge, Recording
Secretary

Heritage Applications and Inquiries Summary

Reporting Date: August 16, 2024

HERITAGE PERMITS - 2024						
<i>File No.</i>	<i>Address</i>	<i>Description of Work</i>	<i>Associated Planning Applications</i>	<i>Associated Building Permits</i>	<i>Delegated Authority</i>	<i>Heritage Permit Issued</i>
R01-MUN-24	Cedar Hill School House – 270 Cedar Hill Side Road	Exterior parking repair on the foundation surrounding the schoolhouse.	n/a	n/a	Staff	2024-04-15
R01-LAW-24	4 Union Street North	Removing the existing non-contributing garage located in the HCD to construct a new garage with a larger footprint.	Minor Variance: D13-LAW-23	A24-1049	Staff	2024-04-23
R01-HIG-24	109 Princess Street	Replacing and extending the existing rear deck.	n/a	A23-1094	Staff	2024-04-19
R01-JEN-24	48 Main Street East	Removing the existing non-contributing garage located in the HCD to construct a new garage with a smaller footprint but taller in height.	Minor Variance: D13-JEN-24	A24-1077	Staff	2024-04-23
R01-PUG-24	83 Little Bridge Street, Unit #114	Attaching a retractable awning to the exterior wall to extend over balcony area.	n/a	n/a	Staff	2024-04-19
R01-LAV-24	83 Little Bridge Street, Unit #112	Attaching a retractable awning to the exterior wall to extend over balcony area.	n/a	n/a	Staff	2024-06-04
R01-MIL-24	98-102 Mill Street	Removing and replacing stucco façade.	n/a	n/a	Staff	
R01-XXX-24	38 Mill Street	New exterior signage	n/a	A24-1156	Heritage Committee	

HERITAGE INQUIRIES - 2024						
<i>Date of Inquiry</i>	<i>Address</i>	<i>Description of Work</i>	<i>Funding</i>	<i>Building Permit Required? (Yes/No)</i>	<i>Delegated Authority</i>	<i>Date of Response</i>
April 29, 2024	83 Little Bridge Street, Unit 204	Removing current deck boards and resurfacing with composite deck boards while keeping guards unchanged		No	Staff	2024-04-29
May 7, 2024	Mississippi Valley Textile Museum	New kitchen venting options: 1. Through windows 2. Through roof		Yes	Staff	2024-05-15

The Robert Teskey House

Sarah More for the Municipality of Mississippi Mills' Heritage Committee

July 2024

Location: 104 Old Mill Lane, Appleton, Ontario
Concession 10, West Part, Lot 4, includes RP 26R-2678 Part 31, Ramsay Township(1,6)

Present Owner: Gary Lamers & Julie Odin(2)

Present Use: Country Inn(2)

Statement of Significance:

This Pre-Confederation, two-and-a-half storey, stone residence is intrinsically tied to the Teskey, Caldwell and Collie Families who also ran the Robert Teskey Mill in Appleton from 1863-1950. (3) Travelers have been welcomed and shown hospitality here, likely, from its earliest days.

Part 1: Historical Information

A Physical History

Original and Subsequent Owners:

A 'great Indian Camping ground' prior to the 19th century development(3), Appleton is located on the unceded territory of the Anishinabe, who have been caretakers of this land since time immemorial.

In 1835, John Teskey Sr. & sons: Joseph, Robert, and John Jr. received Crown patents in Appleton. Joseph received 100 acres in Concession 10, West Part, Lot 4.(4)

In 1849, Joseph & Margaret Teskey sold the (N?)W1/2 to Robert Teskey for \$200.(5)

In 1901, Thomas Boyd Caldwell purchased the property and Robert Teskey's mill.(5)

In 1937, William Collie III of Scotland did the same, eventually purchasing many of the Teskey properties. Four generations of Collies lived in the house until the 1980s.(3,10)

In 2012, Margaret Shanahan sold the property to the present Owners.(11)

Date of Erection:

Various dates have been projected ranging from c1840 (or possibly earlier)(12) to 1842(6), c1850 (7) or early 1850s(8). The later dates may stem from the property being sold to Robert Teskey in 1849.(5)

Architect:

Robert Teskey(9)

Alterations and Additions:

*Very small rooms suggesting a hotel or rooming house of sorts.
No real principal rooms on the main floor.(14)*

The Collies hired Expert Weavers to teach the Mill Workers how to weave. The Experts would temporarily stay in the small rooms until finding accommodations of their own.(11)

The summer kitchen looks to be original and is probably the original dwelling where staff eventually lived on the top floor. The dormers, as they appear now, are much larger than the original would have been.(13)

Several alterations were made during the Collies' residency:

Around the 1970s, the addition of dormers in the, then, nursery were added for the benefit of the Nanny and children.(11)

Edith Kathleen "Katie" Buse was the maternal Grandmother of Nancy Collie-O'Reilly. They lived on the same property but Katie lived in a small, renovated, former horse shed with a lovely view of the waterfalls. They shared a septic tank until the lot was severed.(11)

Margaret Shanahan had a new septic system installed in the front yard as part of her purchase c2008. It is now surrounded by flowers.(19)

The two-storey veranda was removed in the 1950s. The one-storey veranda was removed in the 1980s. (11)

This front porch has since been removed but the bolt holes are still visible in parts of the stone.(8)

Historical Events and Persons connected with the Structure:

Robert Teskey (1803-1892) helped found the Village of Appleton (formerly Teskeyville).(10)

In 1823, His parents, John & Ann (Vale) Teskey Sr., and their children emigrated from Rathkeale, County Limerick, Ireland with other Government-sponsored Peter Robinson Settlers.(15)

In 1835, John Teskey Sr., & sons Joseph, Robert, and John Jr. received Crown patents in Appleton, Ramsay Township, Ontario.(4)

Robert Teskey was a Magistrate for over forty years.(16)

Previously, The Teskeys were German Palatines who came to Ireland in 1709.(15)

On 11 Sep 2013, Laureen (Teskey) Harper, wife of then Prime Minister Stephen Harper, toured the area with a group of Irish Palatine descendants sponsored by the Irish Palatine Special Interest Group of the Ontario Genealogical Society (<https://ip-sig.ogs.on.ca/activities/tours/2013-ip-tour/>). (15)

During the Collies' residency, members of the band, Fleetwood Mac, visited as family friends.(11)

As Mill Owners, The Teskeys, Caldwells, and Collies provided employment to a good portion of the Appleton population.

Mrs. Eleanor Wright, a life-long resident of Appleton, babysat for the Collies as a young woman. An Appleton Park, at the end of Duke Street, was named in her honour.(20)

Part II: Architectural Information:

General Statement

1840s Georgian-style(10)

or

Built about 1850 for Robert Teskey, this two-and-a-half storey stone house of rather plain style

has three windows on the second storey facade. It originally had an upper and lower veranda wrapping around the front. Built into a hillside, the bedroom windows at the rear are level with the back lawn.(7)

B. Description of Exterior

1. Overall Dimensions:

Unknown

2. Foundations:

Stone

3. Wall Construction, Finish and Colour:

Locally quarried, squared limestone(17)

4. Structural System and Framing:

Stone

5. Porches:

Originally, an upper and lower veranda wrapped around the front facade

6. Chimney:

Two chimneys on the Main House

Two chimneys on the Summer House

7. Openings:

The c1875 main entrance with glass panels above has been replaced

There are three windows on the second storey facade

There are two windows on either side of the main entrance

Two dormer windows were added to the then nursery in the 1960s

Below them is a double-hung window and a bay window on the right-hand side

The three-car garage doors used to be rounded archways

8. Roof:

Asphalt shingles(18)

C. Site

General Setting and Orientation:

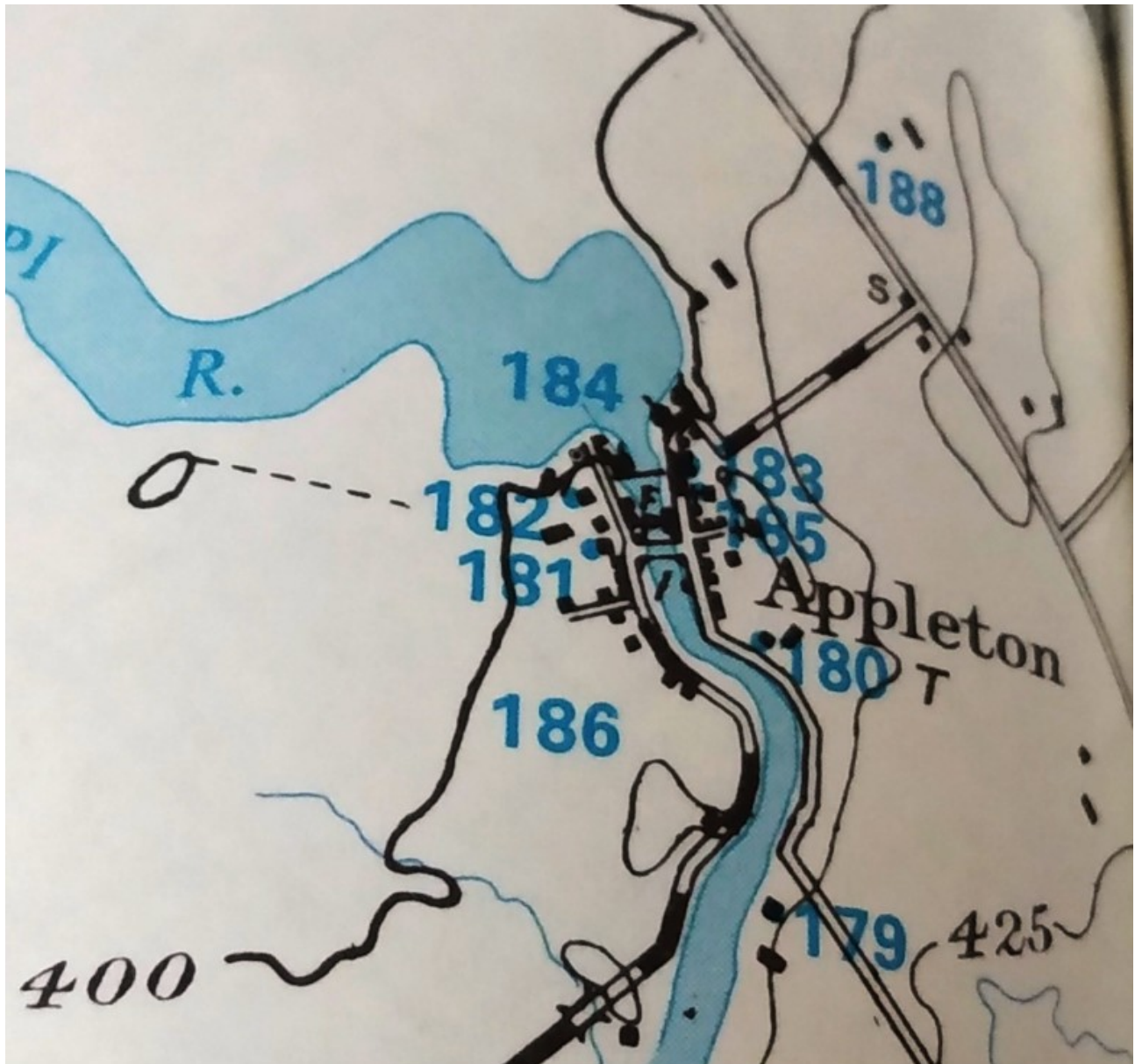
This lovely home is built in the side of a hill.

It is enhanced by a swimming pool and deck in the backyard.

A septic tank was buried in the front yard and covered with flowers.

There are several mature trees in front overlooking the Mississippi River.

The landscaping is beautifully cared for and enhanced by several hanging baskets.



Robert Teskey House (182).

The Ottawa Country: A historical guide to the National Capital Region, Courtney C.J. Bond, The Queen's Printer, Ottawa, c1968, opposite page 81, enlarged.



c1875, Appleton. Jane & Robert Teskey (in top hat) are seated near the front door.
Courtesy of Ken McDonald of Teskey.org (2024).



c1950s, Appleton: Nancy Collie stands opposite the “Big House” displaying a 2-storey veranda.

Courtesy of Nancy Collie-O’Reilly, Justin and Jasmine Brown (2024).



Late 1970s, Appleton. The “Big House” displaying a one-storey veranda.
Courtesy of Nancy Collie-O’Reilly, Justin and Jasmine Brown (2024).



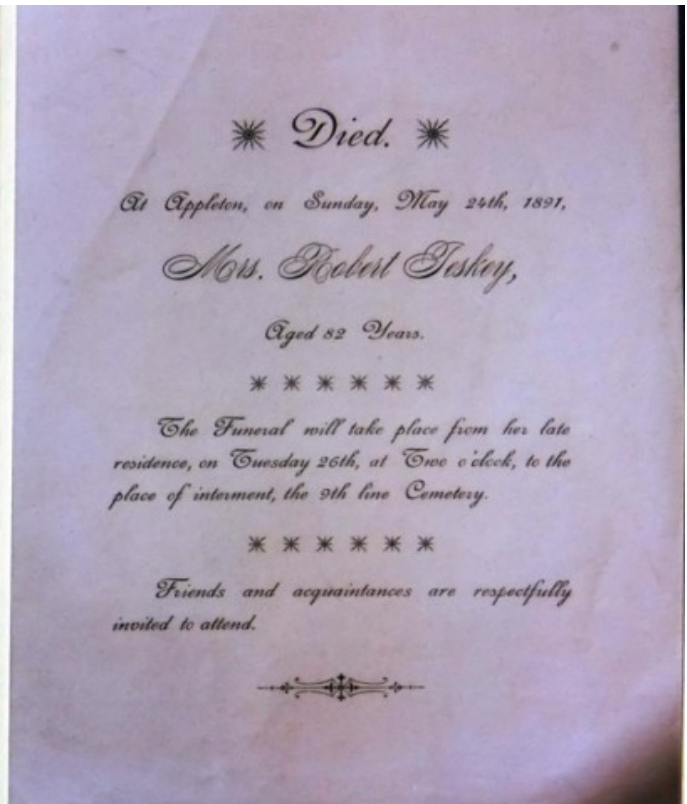
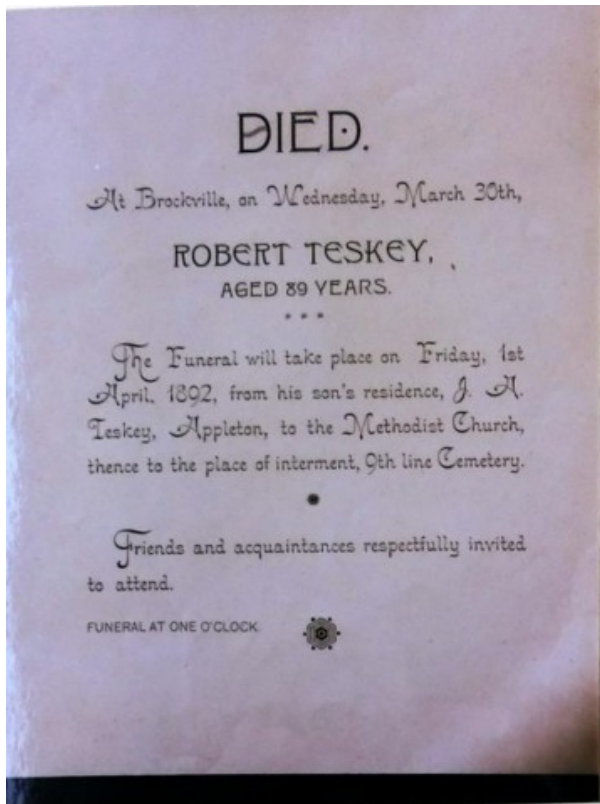
1987/8, Appleton. Courtesy of Carolyn Heald (2024)



1987/8, Robert Teskey Mill Ruins, Appleton. Courtesy of Carolyn Heald (2024).



1987/8 Wesleyan Methodist Cemetery, Mississippi Mills. Courtesy of Carolyn Heald (2024). Robert Teskey's coffin plate is above Carrie Teskey's gravestone.



Robert & Jane Teskey funeral cards. Courtesy of Ken McDonald of Teskey.org (2024).



1998, Appleton. Courtesy of Ken McDonald of Teskey.org (2024)



JUST LISTED 104 OLD MILL LANE, APPLETON \$499,900
Own a piece of history. Large 6 bdrm waterfront stone home situated in the village of Appleton, just outside of Almonte. It has been renovated but retains the charm of the 1840's. Great for Bed & Breakfast. MLS#613985.

September 17, 2005, *The Ottawa Citizen* (Ottawa, Ontario, Canada), Page 88, Newspapers.com



16 June 2012, photo by Pat McGrath of *The Ottawa Citizen*. Courtesy of Newspapers.com

November 8, 2014, The Ottawa Citizen (Ottawa, Ontario, Canada), Page 64.
Courtesy Newspapers.com



MILL OWNER'S MANOR

There's a lot of history in this 1840s, Georgian-style stone home. It was built by mill owner Robert Teskey, one of the founding brothers of Appleton, eventually became a bed and breakfast, and has most recently been a private home in which the servants' quarters have been transformed into a separate two-bedroom residence. The rambling home features two kitchens, two master bedrooms, river views and four fireplaces.



29 June 2015, courtesy of Linda Seccaspina

<https://lindaseccaspina.wordpress.com/2015/06/29/the-apple-does-not-fall-far-from-the-tree-virtual-tour-of-a-teskeys-home/>



August 2019, Appleton: courtesy of Google Maps (above & below)



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Melanie Knight, Mississippi Mills Director of Development Services & Engineering

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3. *Stage 1 and 2 Archaeological Assessment Appleton Development Property Hamlet of Appleton Part of Lot 4, Concession 10 Geographic Township of Ramsay Town of Mississippi Mills Lanark County, Ontario Original Report*, by Michael Berry, PhD for the Town of Mississippi Mills, 24 October 2014, pages 3-4, 6. https://www.mississippimills.ca/en/build-and-invest/resources/Documents/Z-15-22--2014_Stage-1-AND-2-Archeological-Study-Appleton-Development-Property.pdf

4. Community Memories: The Mills of Appleton

Early Mills: Robert and Joseph Teskey

Courtesy of the North Lanark Regional Museum, Almonte, Ontario & CHIN 2024

[https://www.communitystories.ca/v1/pm_v2.php?](https://www.communitystories.ca/v1/pm_v2.php?id=story_line&lg=English&fl=0&ex=00000835&sl=9362&pos=1&pf=1#2)

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https://www.bac-lac.gc.ca/eng/discover/land/land-petitions-upper-canada-1763-1865/Pages/List.aspx?Surname=tesk*&

and

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<https://lac-bac.gc.ca/microform-digitization/006003-119.02-e.php?>

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[Lanark County \(Ontario\). Registrar of Deeds \(North\)](#)

<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q9M-C3H6-5STT-P?cat=483979>

And

[Land records of Lanark County, 1825-1921](#)

Ramsay Township 1827-1847 (v. A) 1847-1856

Memorial #148, Folio 221

<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q9M-CSTY-ZSTH-T?i=319&cat=463102>

7. 2012 real estate listing & <https://www.theoldmillmanor.com/history>, courtesy of Gary Lamers

And

Christmas in Carleton Place House Tour 2019

Posted on [October 27, 2019](#) by [lindaseccaspina](#)

<https://lindaseccaspina.wordpress.com/2019/10/27/christmas-in-carleton-place-house-tour-2019/>

8. Robert Teskey House (182).

This two-and-a-half storey stone house of rather plain style has three windows on the second storey facade. It was built about 1850 for Robert Teskey and had originally an upper and lower verandah running across its front. This house was built into a hillside, so that the bedroom windows at the rear are level with the back lawn. Houses like this are to be found in the village of Lanark; the Simon Hill house near Aylmer is similar. The Ottawa Country: A historical guide to the National Capital Region, Courtney C.J. Bond, The Queen's Printer, Ottawa, c1968, page 117.

9. Walking Tour of Appleton, undated

Turning onto Old Mill Lane (#104) the majestic Robert Teskey house stands out. This large stone home was built in the early 1850s. The house is a two and a half storey stone home built into the side of a natural slope. This massive home once housed the Teskey family on the first two levels and their servants in the third level. The home originally had an upper and lower veranda running across its front. This front porch has since been removed but the bolt holes are still visible in parts of the stone.

<https://www.mississippimills.ca/en/explore-and-play/resources/Documents/Walking-Tour-of-Appleton.pdf>

10. Mill Owner's Manor, Nov. 8, 2014, *The Ottawa Citizen*, Ottawa, Ontario, Canada, page 64.
Courtesy of Newspapers.com

And

The Apple Does Not Fall far from the Tree

Posted on June 29, 2015 by [lindaseccaspina](#)

<https://lindaseccaspina.wordpress.com/2015/06/29/the-apple-does-not-fall-far-from-the-tree-virtual-tour-of-a-teskeys-home/>

11. 10 July 2024, phone call with Justin Brown

12. 26 Jun 2024, email by Gary Lamers

13. 4 Jul 2024, email by
Janet Carlisle MA, Antiques and Fine Arts Appraisals & Heritage Committee Member

14. 5 Jul 2024, email by Janet Carlile

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Carolyn Heald, Irish Palatine Special Interest Group of the Ontario Genealogical Society
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18. 1 Jul 2024, email by Gary Lamers

19. 14 Jul 2024, email by Gary Lamers

20. 26 Jul 2024, phone call with Eleanor Wright

Pakenham Stone Arch Bridge Rehabilitation: Heritage Analysis

Presentation by

Julie Harris, CAHP

Senior Architectural Historian

Matrix Heritage

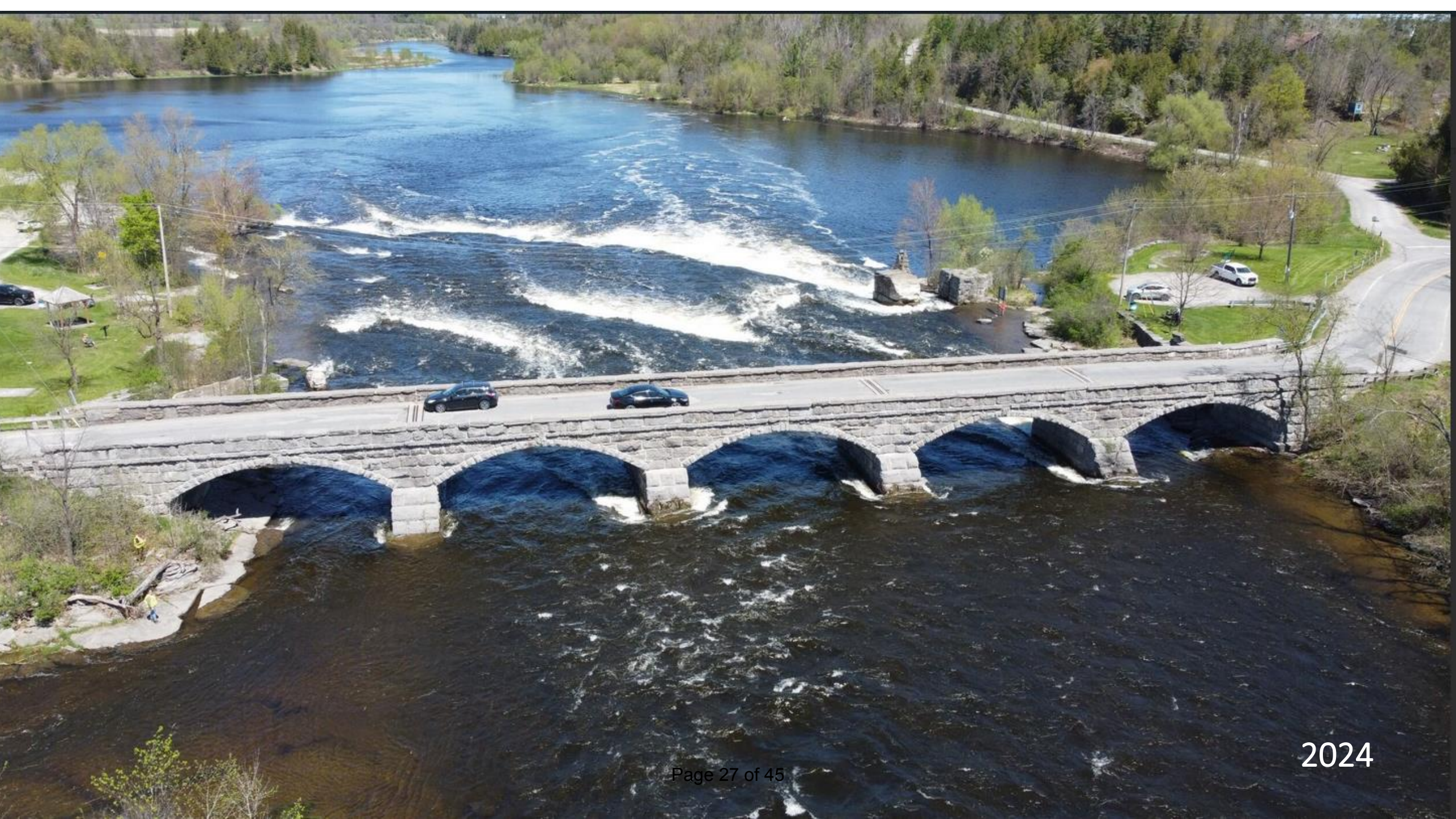
Presentation to

Mississippi Mills Municipal Heritage Advisory Committee

Meeting 21 August 2024



Matrix



Description

Project Name: Pakenham Stone Arch Bridge Rehabilitation, Municipal Class EA

Municipality: Mississippi Mills

Address: 4916 Kinburn Side Road, Mississippi Mill, ON K0A 2X0

Owner: County of Lanark

Date of Construction: 1901 (major repairs and widening in 1984)

Date of Designation: 1984 (County of Lanark)

Date of Ontario Heritage Trust Easement and Amendments: 1985 and 2010

Date of Proposed Work: 2025

Cultural Heritage Requirements (Built Heritage and Cultural Heritage Landscapes)

- Heritage Impact Assessment as per the Municipal Class EA
- Review of the proposed project by the Ontario Trust
- Input from the municipality's heritage committee
- Archaeology conducted separately

History of the Pakenham Stone Arch Bridge

Built in 1901

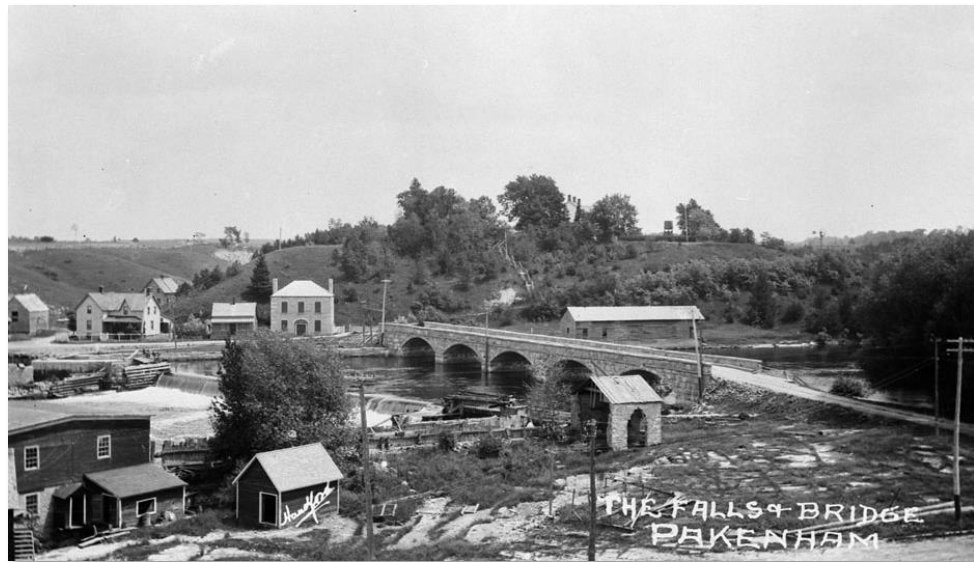


Photo c. 1905-10

Quarry on Kinburn Side Road



Photo 2023

Recent History

1984 Changes



— Wanita Bates, Citizen

Stone from bridge will be returned after reinforcing

Work begins to reinforce, widen Pakenham Bridge

Construction has started on a \$450,000 project to reinforce the historic Pakenham bridge.

The work, which is being funded by provincial and local taxpayers as well as \$150,000 contribution from the National Capital Commission, is to be completed by August 30.

A catwalk has been constructed for pedestrians but

vehicles will have to use to a detour while the work is in progress.

The architectural significance of the structure won't be altered by the construction and the bridge will be retained as a single lane bridge.

Built in 1901, the structure is the only five-span arched bridge in North American.

Current State



Photo 2024

Ottawa Citizen,
31 July 1984

Heritage Designation

- Designated in 1984 by Lanark County through By-law No. 84-36. By-law states:

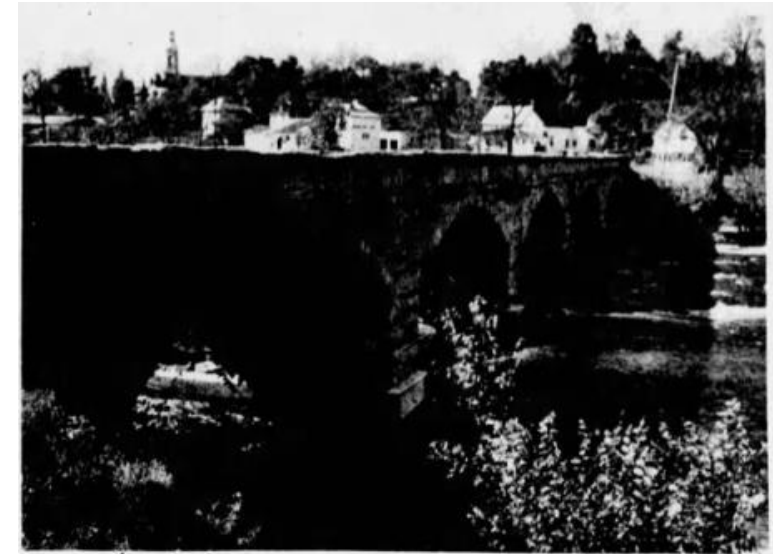
The following property is hereby designated to be of historic or architectural value or interest

Description: Pakenham Stone Arch Bridge, Lot 11, Concession XI, Township of Pakenham.

Owner: Corporation of the County of Lanark.

Reason for Designation: The bridge consisting of 5 stone arches was erected in 1901 and is unique in North America. The bridge possesses five masonry arches and was an essential element in the transportation network west of the Mississippi River.

- The designation by-law remains with the County.



Historic Pakenham bridge needs work

Scenic bridge in danger

PAKENHAM (Special) — The famous five-span stone bridge at Pakenham looks like it should stand forever but its very foundation may be threatened, says an engineering report.

Fast currents, time and modern traffic have all battered the foundations of this structure at Pakenham's entrance. Some residents say heavy trucks may be a major problem and feel tonnage limits are not being strictly observed.

The engineer's study indicates "pressure grouting" could save the bridge at a cost of about \$350,000.

Duncan Abbott, head of the Pakenham District Historical Society, and a local councillor, says there may not be much help from the Ministry of Transport and Communication since that body is in the business of maintaining modern structures, while the Pakenham bridge is anything but modern.

About 30 members of the Pakenham

Historical Society met Thursday to see what they could do to save the bridge. Researchers were appointed to investigate the bridge's history and determine what approaches can be taken.

Reeve Charlie Gillan said earlier there has been too much panic expressed in some of the reports to the township.

"All bodies who should know, do know," he said.

The engineer's study indicates there is ample time to act, Gillan said.

In reply to criticism that tonnage limits are not being observed, the reeve warns that care should be taken.

"Several companies have been issued permits to cross the bridge," he said, and are acting within the prescribed limits. The reeve said he will be keeping a close watch on the situation, and working with the various government agencies to find a solution.

Ottawa Citizen, 3 Dec 1982, p. 34

Ontario Heritage Trust Easement

- Easement signed after widening was approved
- Part of an agreement between the County and OHT for the OHT to contribute \$25,000 to retain the bridge
- Key clause in the agreement:
The county shall not, ..., without prior approval of the Foundation, undertake or permit any demolition, construction, alteration, remodelling, or any other thing or act which materially affect the appearance or construction of the bridge.
- Update to the easement agreement in 2010 highlighted using proper techniques for repointing mortar joints and applying the *Standards and Guidelines for the Conservation of Historic Places in Canada*



— Wanita Bates, Citizen

Stone from bridge will be returned after reinforcing

Work begins to reinforce, widen Pakenham Bridge

Construction has started on a \$450,000 project to reinforce the historic Pakenham bridge. vehicles will have to use to a detour while the work is in progress.

The work, which is being funded by provincial and local taxpayers as well as \$150,000 contribution from the National Capital Commission, is to be completed by August 30. The architectural significance of the structure won't be altered by the construction and the bridge will be retained as a single lane bridge.

A catwalk has been constructed for pedestrians but Built in 1901, the structure is the only five-span arched bridge in North America.

Ottawa Citizen, 31 July 1984, p. 3.

Statement of Cultural Heritage Value (Draft for Review)

Description

The Pakenham Stone Arch Bridge consists of five limestone arches crossing the Mississippi River between County Road 29 and Kinburn Side Road in the former village of Pakenham village, now part of the Municipality of Mississippi Mills, Ontario. The bridge was built in 1901 by O'Toole & Keating, two Scottish masons from Ottawa, with engineer Robert Surtees directing the work. The heritage recognition applies to the property owned by the County of Lanark, which includes the bridge and its approaches. In 1984, the bridge was modified by adding a concrete distribution slab on the deck, widening the bridge to two lanes, and rebuilding the stone parapet walls with concrete cores clad with salvaged stones.

The surroundings of the Pakenham Stone Arch Bridge include the Dickson Store/Post Office located at 4883 Kinburn Side Road, the remains of a roller mill and dam on the east bank of the river, and a stone wall on the west side of the river. The Pakenham Stone Arch Bridge is visible from all directions.

Summary of Cultural Heritage Value or Interest

The Pakenham Stone Arch Bridge is of cultural heritage value or interest due to its history, design and context. It is unique in being a load-bearing stone arch bridge with five spans and is likely the only example of a five-arch bridge of its type in Canada and the United States.

The Bridge is associated with the history of the former village of Pakenham, engineer Robert Surtees, and masons O'Toole and Keating.

The Pakenham Stone Arch Bridge is part of a set of heritage resources (including mills, mill ruins, historic views, and stopping places) along the Mississippi River that are a key part of the identity of both the village of Pakenham and the Municipality of Mississippi Mills.

The Pakenham Stone Arch Bridge is among the best-known landmarks in the National Capital Region outside the urban centre.

Statement of Cultural Heritage Value (Draft for Review)

Heritage Attributes

Key elements to be conserved to retain the historical value of the Pakenham Stone Arch Bridge include:

- Its stone construction and five-arch configuration, which is evocative of late 19th and early 20th century bridges and engineering
- Its setting along the Mississippi River that continues to feature historic buildings near the Bridge and on the hill above the village.

Key elements to be conserved to retain the design value of the Pakenham Stone Arch Bridge include:

- Its load-bearing stone bridge construction and massive stone piers
- Its stone pattern, arranged primarily in coursed ashlar with some random ashlar in parts of the spandrels
- The composition of the Bridge with five stone arches, which is either unique or very rare in North America, and low stone parapets
- Its limestone construction, consisting of five stone arches with stone piers, stone-clad parapets and cap stones
- Stones sourced locally from a former quarry on Kinburn Side Road, located just a few hundred metres away from the bridge.

Key elements to be conserved to retain the contextual value of the Pakenham Stone Arch Bridge include:

- Its close physical relationship to the quarry on the north side of the Bridge used to source its stones
- Its position on a narrow point in the Mississippi River just upstream from the site of former water-powered mills located on both sides of the Mississippi River
- Its close physical relationship to the Dickson Store/Post Office, which creates an historic landscape that contributes to the historic characters of both Pakenham and the Mississippi River
- View of the bridge from all sides and angles.

THE CORPORATION OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF MISSISSIPPI MILLS

**STAFF REPORT
(Report #)**

DATE: December 7th, 2021
TO: Committee of the Whole
FROM: Calvin Murphy, Recreation Manager
SUBJECT: **Service Standards for Municipal Cemeteries**

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT THE Committee of The Whole recommends to Council to approve the attached policy for Service Standards for Municipal Cemeteries as presented by The Recreation Manager.

BACKGROUND:

Over the last few months two residents of Mississippi Mills approached the Recreation Manager regarding a concern they had pertaining to the gates, corner posts and gravestone markers at the Old Methodist Cemetery on Highway 29. The residents were concerned with the deterioration that has occurred over the years and whether something could be done to remedy the situation. The Recreation Manager was in contact with two (2) masonry groups to review and obtain pricing for the work to repair the gates and corner posts at this location. The last quote was received the middle of October with pricing ranging from \$12,000 -\$20,000 to complete the work.

DISCUSSION:

The Recreation and Culture Department is currently responsible for the grass cutting and grounds maintenance of five (5) cemeteries located within the Municipality.

These cemeteries include:

Methodist Cemetery – County Road 29
Houston Cemetery – Concession 7, East Part Lot 6 (Ramsay ward)
Clayton Wesleyen Cemetery – Con 1, Lot 21 (Ramsay ward)
Robertson-Kellough Cemetery – Upper Perth Road at Wolfgrove Road
McDonald Cemetery – Concession 10, Lot 22, (Ramsay ward)

Over time the Municipality could receive more requests to take over other cemeteries in the area which will require more staff hours if we are to continue to maintain.

In recent conversation with Ray Porrill (Licensing Officer – Bereavement Authority of Ontario) he explained that it is the responsibility of the family and or the estate for repairs to gravestone markers in each of the cemeteries, but the Municipality is responsible for repairs to existing entrance gates, corner posts and grounds keeping duties. We are starting to witness more substantial costs to the municipality in this area.

The upkeep of these different elements in each cemetery is beyond what the municipality can manage financially. Cemeteries fall under the overall regulatory framework of the Bereavement Authority of Ontario. While there are often trust funds that are transferred to the Municipality when these cemeteries are assumed by the Municipality, they are not sufficient to cover regular grounds keeping and capital maintenance.

The current trust funds for municipal cemeteries include the following:

Houston Cemetery – (Royal Bank of Canada in the amount of \$557.78)
McDonald Cemetery – (Royal Bank of Canada in the amount of \$557.78)
Robertson-Kellough Cemetery – (Bank of Montreal in the amount of \$3000)

It should also be noted that the Municipality has a total of \$7500 in reserves for Cemetery repairs that can be used for work in any of the municipal cemeteries.

In discussion with the Chair of the Municipal Heritage Advisory Committee for Mississippi Mills, it was confirmed that the cemeteries are not designated as a Municipal heritage landmark, but they do have historical value. The Municipal Heritage Advisory Committee have offered to research and see what provincial grants might be available to help with future funding.

Seeing that these concerns are now being brought to our attention the following policy is here for your review, comment, and direction.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

The extent of the financial implications is unknown at the present time, but as outlined in the report repair costs for the gates and corner posts repairs alone at the Old Methodist Cemetery on Highway 29 ranges from \$12,000- \$20,000. As the cemeteries continue to age over time there will be significant costs associated with the overall upkeep of these areas.

SUMMARY:

The implementation of a Service Standards policy for Municipal Cemeteries is intended to provide proper direction for the Municipality moving forward. It is recommended that Council approve the Service Standards policy for Municipal Cemeteries.

Respectfully submitted by,

Reviewed by:

Calvin Murphy,
Recreation Manager

Ken Kelly, CAO

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Service Standards For Municipal Cemeteries Policy



SERVICE STANDARDS FOR MUNICIPAL CEMETERIES POLICY

1. PURPOSE

The purpose of the Service Standards for Municipal Cemeteries policy is to clearly identify the responsibilities for maintenance and care of the different amenities within each cemetery in Mississippi Mills.

2. SCOPE

The policy shall be administered by the Recreation and Culture Department on behalf of the Municipality of Mississippi Mills to ensure compliance.

3. ACCOUNTABILITY

The Recreation Manager shall be responsible for ensuring compliance with this policy and established procedures.

4. APPROVAL AUTHORITY

Council of the Corporation of the Municipality of Mississippi Mills.

5. RESPONSIBILITY & AUTHORIZATION

The Recreation Manager shall work with the relevant family members/individuals of significance to the family/Estate and or the Municipal Heritage Advisory Committee to determine which of the gravestones/markers and or gates/corner posts in the cemeteries are in need of restoration and determine the best method for restoration moving forward.

All costs associated with any landscaping, grounds maintenance and gates/corner posts in the cemeteries are the responsibility of The Municipality of Mississippi Mills.

All costs associated with the gravestones/markers in the cemeteries are the responsibility of relevant families/individuals of significance to the family and or the Estate.

6. LIST OF MUNICIPAL CEMETERIES (MISSISSIPPI MILLS)

Methodist Cemetery – County Road 29
Houston Cemetery – Concession 7, East Part Lot 6 (Ramsay ward)
Clayton Wesleyen Cemetery – Con 1, Lot 21 (Ramsay ward)
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McDonald Cemetery- Concession 10, Lot 22 (Ramsay ward)

7. REVIEW

Every effort shall be made to maintain this policy, within currently prescribed regulations, and will, therefore, be amended as soon as possible to reflect any changes.

CEMETERIES IN MISSISSIPPI MILLS

(Found in Municipal Records)

Ramsay Township

1. Auld Kirk Cemetery

Con 7, Lot 16E

1923 Ramsay Concession 8

The cemetery has historical value and associative value because it yields, or has the potential to yield, information that contributes to an understanding of the community.

2. Baird Family Plot

Con 9, Lot 1

190-192 Glen Rapids Lane, Carleton Place

The cemetery has historical value and associative value because it yields, or has the potential to yield, information that contributes to an understanding of the community.

3. Blacks Burial Site

Con 7, Lot 21W

2280 Ramsay Concession 7B (on farm of Donald Cochrane)

The cemetery has historical value and associative value because it yields, or has the potential to yield, information that contributes to an understanding of the community.

4. Clayton United Cemetery

(also known as Guthrie United Cemetery)

Con 1, Lot 23

3083 Tatlock Road, Clayton

The cemetery has historical value and associative value because it yields, or has the potential to yield, information that contributes to an understanding of the community.

5. Coulter's Burial Plot (also known as Cemetery Hill)

Con 2, Lot 25E

2931 Ramsay Concession 3C (on farm of Graham Ireland)

The cemetery has historical value and associative value because it yields, or has the potential to yield, information that contributes to an understanding of the community.

6. Dunlop Family Plot

Con 6, Lot 12W

1226 Ramsay Concession 6A (on farm of Mac Thom)

The cemetery has historical value and associative value because it yields, or has the potential to yield, information that contributes to an understanding of the community.

7. Houston Family Plot

Con 7, Lot 6E

372 Drummond Road (on farm of Terry Lee)

The cemetery has historical value and associative value because it yields, or has the potential to yield, information that contributes to an understanding of the community.

8. Macdonald Clan Cemetery

Con 10, Lot 22W

The cemetery has historical value and associative value because it yields, or has the potential to yield, information that contributes to an understanding of the community.

9. Old Methodist Cemetery

(also known as Wesleyan Methodist)

Con 9, Lot 13W

5716 County Road 29

The cemetery has historical value and associative value because it yields, or has the potential to yield, information that contributes to an understanding of the community.

10. Pioneer Methodist Cemetery (also known as Bolger Cemetery)

Con 2, Lot 21 NW

2671 Tatlock Road

The cemetery has historical value and associative value because it yields, or has the potential to yield, information that contributes to an understanding of the community.

11. Robertson/Kellough Family Plot

Con 1, Lot 15W

2203-2273 Upper Perth Road

The cemetery has historical value and associative value because it yields, or has the potential to yield, information that contributes to an understanding of the community.

12. St. Georges Anglican Cemetery

(also known as Bowland Cemetery)

Con 1, Lot 16W

127-275 Bowland Road

The cemetery has historical value and associative value because it yields, or has the potential to yield, information that contributes to an understanding of the community.

13. St. James Anglican Cemetery

Con 7, Lot 2E

230 Ramsay Concession 8

The cemetery has historical value and associative value because it yields, or has the potential to yield, information that contributes to an understanding of the community.

14. St. Mary's Roman Catholic

Con 9, Lot 13W

5604 County Road 29

The cemetery has historical value and associative value because it yields, or has the potential to yield, information that contributes to an understanding of the community.

15. St. Mary's Roman Catholic

Con 12, Lot 15W

1862-1950 Ramsay Concession 12

The cemetery has historical value and associative value because it yields, or has the potential to yield, information that contributes to an understanding of the community.

16. St. Patrick's Cemetery

(also known as St. Mary's, Clayton)

(also called Rath's)

Con 1, Lot 24E

2919 Ramsay Concession 2B (on farm of Charlie Rath)

The cemetery has historical value and associative value because it yields, or has the potential to yield, information that contributes to an understanding of the community.

17. St. Paul's Anglican

Con 8, Lot 15

100-150 Wolf Grove Road

The cemetery has historical value and associative value because it yields, or has the potential to yield, information that contributes to an understanding of the community.

Pakenham Township

18. Barney's Lonely Grave – Bernard Sheils

Cedar Hill

The cemetery has historical value and associative value because it yields, or has the potential to yield, information that contributes to an understanding of the community.

19. Cedar Hill United Cemetery

E Lot 5, Concession 7

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20. Fulton Burial Ground

W Lot 2, Concession 6

The cemetery has historical value and associative value because it yields, or has the potential to yield, information that contributes to an understanding of the community.

21. Indian Hill R.C. Cemetery

(St. Peter Celestine's)

E Lot 6, Concession 9

The cemetery has historical value and associative value because it yields, or has the potential to yield, information that contributes to an understanding of the community.

22. St. Mark's Anglican Cemetery

L13, Concession 12

The cemetery has historical value and associative value because it yields, or has the potential to yield, information that contributes to an understanding of the community.

23. Union Cemetery

Lot 11, Concession 11

Dalkeith Street, Pakenham

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Mill of Kintail (8)

The Naismith Collection joined the home of Tait McKenzie in 2011.



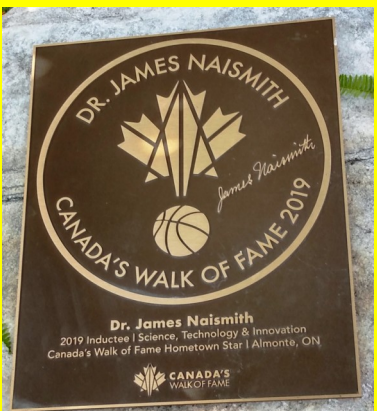
Augusta Street Park (9)

NBA Cares came to James Naismith's hometown and helped rebuild a basketball court.



Dr. James Naismith Square (1)

Dr. James Naismith inducted into Canada's Walk of Fame.



Sites

1. 73 Mill St., Almonte, Ontario
2. 1923 Ramsay Concession 8, Almonte, Ontario
3. 111 Church St., Almonte, Ontario
4. 4968 County Road 29, Almonte, Ontario
5. 126 Martin St N, Almonte, Ontario
6. 75 Spring St, Almonte, Ontario
7. 260 King St, Almonte, Ontario
8. 2854 Ramsay Concession 8, Almonte, Ontario
9. 81 Mercer St, Mississippi Mills, Ontario

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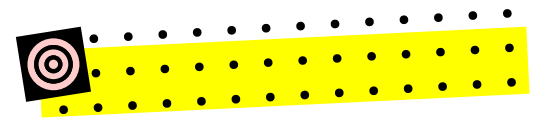
Statue of basketball's Naismith unveiled in Almonte
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Photos of the Naismith House & Almonte High School:
Courtesy of Almonte.com Historic Photos

Photo of the Mill of Kintail:
Courtesy of the Municipality of Mississippi Mills
<https://www.mississippimills.ca/en/explore-and-play/mill-of-kintail.aspx>



Naismith's Almonte: Monumental Tour



Naismith statue (1)

Dedicated in 2011, this iconic work of art was sculpted by Eldon Tefft of Lawrence, Kansas.

Auld Kirk Cemetery (2)

John & Margaret (Young) Naismith died when their son, James, was young. He had them removed here after their original gravesite was in danger of being flooded.



Presbyterian Church (3)

The Naismiths were Presbyterians. Their minister, Rev. William McKenzie, was the father of sculptor, Tait McKenzie. Following the sudden death of his father, Tait lived with James Naismith's family for a short time and they became lifelong friends.



Naismith House (4)

James Naismith, his siblings and Tait McKenzie, lived here with Naismith's uncle, Peter Young.



Almonte High School (5)

James missed his parents, especially his mother. Before graduating high school, he took a few years off to work. Uncle Peter Young encouraged young James to pursue Christian ministry, and he became a Presbyterian Minister.



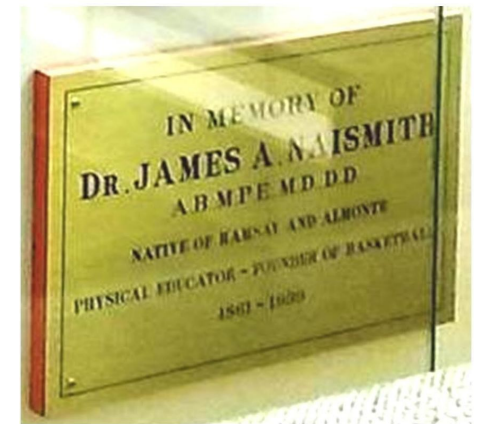
Almonte High School Roll of Honour
Commemorates Almonte High School Students who served in WWI, including James P. Naismith.



After graduating from McGill University, James served with the Y.M.C.A.. Their goal being to strengthen the moral character of American soldiers and sailors in the days leading up to WWI. Once WWI began, the Y.M.C.A. sent James to study moral conditions among the American Expeditionary Forces in France. Faith guided and sustained many on the front lines and at home during those difficult days.

Almonte General Hospital Lobby (6)

*In Memory of Dr. James A. Naismith
A.B. M.P.E. M.D. D.D.
Native of Ramsay and Almonte.
Physical Educator -
Founder of Basketball 1861-1939*



Naismith Memorial Public School (7)

Built in 1970.

