

**THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF GANANOQUE  
BY-LAW 2006-21**

**BEING A BY-LAW TO DESIGNATE THE BUILDING KNOWN AS  
STONE'S MILLS, LOCATED AT 185 MILL STREET, GANANOQUE,  
AS BEING OF ARCHITECTURAL AND HISTORICAL VALUE**

**WHEREAS** Section 29 of the Ontario Heritage Act, R.S.O. 1990, c. O.18 as amended, authorizes the Council of a municipality to enact by-laws to designate buildings and/or property to be of architectural or historical value or interest;

**AND WHEREAS** the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Gananoque has caused to be served on the owners of the building known as Stone's Mills located at 185 Mill Street East, Gananoque and upon the Ontario Heritage Foundation, notice of intention to so designate the aforesaid structure published in the Gananoque Reporter having general circulation in the municipality; and whereas the reasons for designation are set out in Schedule B attached hereto;

**AND WHEREAS** subsequent to receiving no notice of objection to the proposed designation;

**NOW THEREFORE** the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Gananoque enacts as follows:

1. There is designated as being of architectural and historical value the building known as Stone's Mills, located at 185 Mill Street, Gananoque, particularly described in Schedule A attached hereto;
2. The municipal solicitor is hereby authorized to cause a copy of this by-law to be registered against the building as described in Schedule A attached hereto in the proper land registry office; and
3. The Clerk is hereby authorized to cause a copy of this by-law to be served on the owner of the aforementioned property and on the Ontario Heritage Foundation and to cause notice of the passing of this by-law to be published in the same newspaper having general circulation in the municipality.

**READ A FIRST AND SECOND TIME THIS 18<sup>th</sup> DAY OF APRIL, 2006.**

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Mayor

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Clerk

**READ A THIRD TIME AND FINALLY PASSED THIS 2<sup>nd</sup> DAY OF MAY, 2006.**

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Mayor

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Clerk

**Schedule A**

Legal Description:

Lots 1017 to 1021 Plan 86 West, Town of Gananoque

## Schedule B

The property, situated along the west bank of the Gananoque River just north of where it empties into the St. Lawrence River, was part of the extensive lands granted to the founder of Gananoque, Captain Joel Stone, U.E.L. The two linked masonry structures which together comprise the former factory, now known municipally as 185 Mill Street, have been a fixture of the Gananoque waterfront since, at least, the last quarter of the 19<sup>th</sup> century with the stone structure likely pre-dating the mid 19<sup>th</sup> century. Stone's mills and subsequent associated enterprises became the catalyst for Gananoque's growth.

In recent times the buildings have served as the factory for Cliffe Craft, a local boat building company, whose motor boats became well known in Eastern Ontario and northern New York State between the 1960's and the 1980's.

The following outlines the reasons for Designation:

- As a good surviving example of industrial architecture and its evolution in the mid to late 19<sup>th</sup> century with the stone building in particular exhibiting unusually fine features for a building of its type suggesting the prominence of its original owner;
- As an excellent representative of the industrial heritage of Gananoque (its original *raison d'être*) and its development at the confluence of the Gananoque River and the St. Lawrence. The buildings housed many important industries including E.E. Abbot's pioneering foundry, the nascent Steel Company of Canada and, most importantly, Link Manufacturing. The association with Link and the manufacture of the Link trainers is a theme of international significance.
- As a visual landmark, since at least the 1870's, as viewed from the mouth of the Gananoque River, a scene continuously depicted in published engravings and photos from that time until the present.

### Character-defining elements:

- General multi-bay longitudinally orientated form of both structures under parapeted shallow gable roofs;
- The fenestration, i.e., paired multi-paned wooden sash of both structures;
- The stonework of the more northerly structure combining the general rubble coursing with cut stone accent elements including the voussoired arches at door and window openings, the window sills, quoins, parapet caps and console type corbels at the base of the parapets;
- The stonework of the foundation of the more southerly structure combining random rubble coursing with cut stone quoins;
- The brick work of the southerly structure including the composite rowlock arches;
- Particular evidence of their early industrial functions such as the loading bay openings and pulley arm extending from the upper door of the stone structure.
- Its setting down to the Gananoque River and as viewed from the river mouth.