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## NOTICE OF PASSING OF A HERITAGE BYLAW 2026-0008 (HO-1) THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF GEORGINA

**TAKE NOTICE** that the Council of The Corporation of the Town of Georgina passed Bylaw Number 2024-0008 (HO-1) on the **28<sup>th</sup> day of January 2026** under Section 29 of the *Ontario Heritage Act*, R.S.O. 1990, c.O.18.

**AND TAKE NOTICE** that the purpose and effect of this Bylaw is to designate its lands and premises identified as Jackson's Point Marine Railway located at Jackson's Point, Georgina, Ontario; as being cultural heritage value or interest. A description of the lands to which the Bylaw applies and the reasons for designation are referenced in the Bylaw attached to this notice.

**ANY APPEALS** of the Bylaw must be filed to the Ontario Land Tribunal (OLT) in respect to the Bylaw by filing with the Clerk of the Corporation of the Town of Georgina no later than 4:30pm on March 05, 2026. A copy of the appeal form is available from the OLT website at: <https://olt.gov.on.ca/>.

The Notice of Appeal must:

- 1) Set out the reasons for the appeal and must be accompanied by a completed Ontario Land Tribunal form, a certified cheque or money order made payable to the Minister of Finance. A copy of the OLT fee schedule may be found at: <https://olt.gov.on.ca/fee-chart/> or contact the OLT at [OLT.General.Inquiry@ontario.ca](mailto:OLT.General.Inquiry@ontario.ca) or by phone to: 416-212-6349 or 866-448-2248 (toll free).
- 2) Be accompanied by the Town's Administrative fee of \$345.00 per application, payable to the Town of Georgina.

Dated at the Town of Georgina this 03<sup>rd</sup> day of February 2026.

Mamata Baykar, Deputy Clerk

The Corporation of the Town of Georgina

**OWNER: THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF GEORGINA**

**PROPERTY DESCRIPTION: JACKSON'S POINT MARINE RAILWAY**

BLK D & PT BLK B, PL 168 SUTTON, & PT WATER LT IN FRONT OF LT 2 CON 9 GEORGINA, PT 3 65R21566; GEORGINA PIN 03518-0510 (LT)

**NOTE:** Only individuals, corporations and public bodies may appeal to the Ontario Land Tribunal. A notice of appeal may not be filed by an unincorporated association or group. However, a notice of appeal may be filed in the name of an individual who is a member of the association or the group on its behalf.

No person or public body shall be added as a party to the hearing of the appeal unless, before the by-law was passed, the person or public body made oral submissions at a public meeting or written submissions to the council or, in the opinion of the Tribunal, there are reasonable grounds to add the person or public body as a party.

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF GEORGINA  
IN THE  
REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY OF YORK

**BYLAW NUMBER 2026-0008 (HO-1)**

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BEING A BYLAW TO DESIGNATE THE JACKSON'S POINT MARINE  
RAILWAY AS BEING OF CULTURAL HERITAGE VALUE OR INTEREST

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**WHEREAS** Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act, R.S.O. 1990, c. 0.18 provides the Council of a municipality the authority to enact by-laws to designate a real property including all buildings and structures thereon, to be of cultural heritage value or interest;

**AND WHEREAS** the property located at Jackson's Point Marine Railway has been identified by the Georgina Heritage Advisory Committee as being eligible for designation under Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act, R.S.O. 1990 c. 0.18;

**AND WHEREAS** the Notice of Intention to Designate the property located at Jackson's Point Marine Railway was served on the owner of the property, the Ontario Heritage Trust along with interested parties and posted in accordance with the Town's Public Notice Policy (LS-2024-PN041);

**AND WHEREAS** no notice of objection to the proposed designation have been served on the municipality;

**AND WHEREAS** the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Georgina deems it desirable to designate the property located at Jackson's Point Marine Railway as a

property of cultural heritage value or interest under Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act  
R.S.O. 1990, c. 0.18;

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

1. **THAT** the following real property, with the buildings and structures thereon, more particularly described in Schedule 'A' attached hereto and forming part of this Bylaw, is designated as a property of cultural heritage value or interest:

Jackson's Point Marine Railway, Jackson's Point

2. **THAT** the reasons for designation set out in Schedule 'B', attached hereto and forming part of this Bylaw, are hereby adopted.
3. **THAT** the Clerk shall cause a copy of this Bylaw, together with its schedules, to be registered against the affected property in the Land Registrar's Office for York Region

**READ** and **ENACTED** this 28<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2026.

  
Margaret Quirk, Mayor

  
Mamata Baykar

Deputy Clerk

**SCHEDULE 'A' TO BYLAW NUMBER 2026-0008 (HO-1)**

**LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF JACKSON'S POINT MARINE RAILWAY LOCATED AT  
JACKSON'S POINT, ASSESSMENT ROLL NO. 081-744**

In the Town of Georgina, Regional Municipality of York, property description as follows:

- 1) Jackson's Point Marine Railway

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CON 9 GEORGINA, PT 3 65R21566; GEORGINA  
PIN 03518-0510 (LT)



## **SCHEDULE 'B' TO BYLAW NUMBER 2026 – 0008 (HO-1)**

### **REASONS FOR DESIGNATION OF THE JACKSON'S POINT MARINE RAILWAY ASSESSMENT ROLL NO. 081-744**

The Jackson's Point Marine Railway is worthy of designation under Part IV, Section 29 of the Ontario Heritage Act for its cultural heritage value, and meets Ontario Regulation 9/06, the provincial criteria prescribed for municipal designation, under the categories of design/physical, associative/historical and contextual value.

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

Jackson's Point Marine Railway is located on the lakebed of Lake Simcoe, extending out from the shore, a few metres to the east of Jackson's Point Harbour. The site consists of an intact section of the remains of a marine railway that was used to lift ships out of the lake to be repaired over the winter or to launch new ships. In historical records such as newspapers, while not technically constructed in a manner that aligns with the modern usage of the term, the site is referred to as a "dry dock".

The exact date of construction is not known; however, it could be as early as 1832, around the time when one of the earliest steamers on Lake Simcoe, named *Simcoe*, was in operation. The owner of the site, James O'Brien Bourchier, was also a part owner of *Simcoe*. Alternatively, the marine railway could have been constructed between 1867 to 1900 during the ownership of partners Levi Miller and John M. McDonald who operated The Lake Simcoe Transportation and Dry Dock Company and owned at least two steamships, the *Enterprise* and the *R. Kendrick*. The partners legally acquired the site in 1877.

In 2000, the Corporation of the Town of Georgina took over the ownership from Her Majesty the Queen in Right of Canada as Represented by The Minister of Fisheries and Oceans.

## STATEMENT OF CULTURAL HERITAGE VALUE

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

**Rationale for Designation:** The remaining intact section of the Jackson's Point Marine Railway on the lakebed of Lake Simcoe is a unique example of a marine railway from the 19<sup>th</sup> century Lake Simcoe steam-shipping industry. The railway measures approximately two hundred feet long by twenty-four feet wide and is constructed of dimensional lumber fitted together and topped with a series of precisely spaced heavy steel rails, reflecting the property's use by The Lake Simcoe Transportation and Dry Dock Company.

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

**Rationale for Designation:** The structure has historical and associative value because it has direct association with the 19<sup>th</sup> century Lake Simcoe steam-shipping industry. In 1832, Jackson's Point became a Port of Call for steamships. The property owner at the time, James O'Brien Bourchier (regarded as the founder of Sutton), was also a shareholder in a steamer named *Simcoe*. Since then, Jackson's Point was associated with many Lake Simcoe vessels carrying passengers and cargo across the Lake including *Sir John Colborne*, *Beaver*, *Sultana*, *Emily May*, *Sutton Belle*, *R. Kendrick*, and *Enterprise* among many others.

Sometime between 1832 and 1867, Richard H. Kirkpatrick (from Goderich) acquired the land due to a lawsuit between Clifton Jackson and James O'Brien Bourchier. In 1867, Levi Miller and John McDonald purchased the property and two years later Miller sold all his shares to McDonald. In 1877, the Crown granted Miller a water lot on the site.

Historical records dating back to 1886 (Newmarket Era) recount instances where damaged vessels were run up the "dry dock" at Jackson's Point for repair or overhaul during the wintertime. Most famously, the steamer *Enterprise* was docked there often. In 1890, L. Miller became a part owner of *Enterprise* until around 1896. Up to its scuttling in 1903, following a mishap on Holland River, *Enterprise* visited the "dry dock" many times

for various repairs and improvements.

For a period, the site became known as the “drydock for the *Enterprise*” to the local community. It is unknown when the use of the “dry dock” came to a halt, but the Barrie Northern Advance recorded on October 15, 1903, that the marine railway required repairs.

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

**Rationale for Designation:** The structure has contextual value because it is physically and historically linked to its surroundings. The function of the remaining intact portion of the marine railway is connected to the history and evolution of Jackson’s Point, and the steamship and tourism industries in Georgina.

#### Description of Heritage Attributes

##### Design or Physical Value

The following heritage attributes contribute to the cultural heritage value of the Jackson’s Point Marine Railway as a representative example of a marine railway from Georgina’s 19<sup>th</sup> century Lake Simcoe steam-shipping industry:

- The placement, orientation and spatial relationship to Jackson’s Point Harbour.
- The dimensions, approximately two hundred feet long by twenty-four feet wide.
- The material it was constructed with, dimensional lumber fitted together with precisely spaced steel rails.
- The wheel with 36-inch diameter and located to the southeast of the railway.

##### Contextual Value

The following heritage attributes contribute to the cultural heritage value of the Jackson’s Point Marine Railway in being physically and historically linked to its surroundings:

- The placement, orientation, and spatial relationship to Jackson’s Point Harbour.

