



*Sault Ste. Marie
Municipal Heritage Committee*

1035 Queen St. E. – Designation Report

Description of property -1035 Queen St. E.

This is a beautiful 1 ¾ storey bungalow constructed of local sandstone, located in the city's east-central waterfront area. It encompasses PCL 1026 AWS in LOT 14, CON 1 of the original Park Twp. A partial water lot in front with a large boathouse adds to the ambiance. Total area is 1.35 acres. G.I.S. coordinates are NAD 1983 UTM Zone 16N, East 706,050, North 5,153,653.

Statement of Cultural Heritage Value and Interest

This is a beautifully-constructed 1 ¾ storey residence utilizing local sandstone which was likely obtained from construction of the locks. The front view gives the appearance of a bungalow as the second storey dormer windows are restricted to the sides and rear of the residence. The original oak front doors- exterior and interior- are still in place. There is a large sandstone chimney near the front entrance. The windows throughout, many of which are 4 and 4 double –hung, have been replaced with aluminum ones replicating the wooden originals, although some have been down-sized slightly. On the east side, the stone walls are stepped outward in tiers to accentuate the windows. At the north-west corner next to the driveway, is an original entranceway, three doors wide, similar to a modern patio entrance. Above the windows on the north-east corner of the house, the stone is corbelled back giving a sunroom effect and perhaps to permit a greater roof overhang protecting the windows from easterly wind and rain. The original sandstone work is remarkable; both in quality and architectural features as previously described, and must have contributed considerably to the building cost. A large modern deck was constructed in 2004 at the rear replacing the original wooden porch, but in such a way as to be free-standing. The interior of the home has been tastefully renovated to suit the exterior. An outdoor pool has recently been added well away from the home.

According to city records, this residence was constructed in 1919 but there is no record of occupancy until 1921 when Wm. F. Gilchriese is listed as occupant. From 1918-1922 Gilchriese was Manager, New Ontario Dock Co. Ltd., agent for Canada Steamship Lines and agent Northern Navigation Co. Ltd. Prior to moving to 1035 Queen St. E., he lived at 124 McGregor Ave. He left the city in 1922, apparently bankrupt. His home was sold to James F. Shaw in 1922 who founded Shaw Milling. Members of the Shaw family lived there for just over 80 years. In the 1930's, James Shaw constructed a flat-roofed garage utilizing sandstone to match the original residence. It slopes gently towards the river but has since had a small extension added to the rear. In the early 1950's, the Shaw family added a large 13 M long boathouse on large wooden pilings. The home and boathouse are situated on a large yard which

has an old cedar hedge along the east side separating it from the Upton Road allowance which extends to the river.

Description of Heritage Attributes

The key exterior features that embody the heritage value of 1035 Queen St. E. include:

- Beautifully proportioned 1 ¾ storey residence constructed of sandstone likely from the local canal works
- Largely unchanged exterior features, with period replica windows, that date from the house's construction in 1919
- Stone walls stepped outwards in one or two tiers to set off the windows and to accommodate the 2nd floor dormers on each side
- Corbelled stone layers above the windows in the northeast corner giving a sunroom effect and perhaps to reducing weathering
- Superbly-constructed arched window lentils of select matching sandstone pieces
- Original oak front doors (storm and interior) and large sandstone chimney
- Large side entrance (3 doors wide) and sandstone steps beside driveway
- 1930's sandstone garage to match the residence
- A large lot with the ideal setting on the St. Marys River and prominent location on the city's main street
- A residence with a long history of occupancy by a prominent Sault business family