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VIA REGULAR MAIL

Ontario Heritage Trust
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Attention: Erin Semande

Dear Ms. Semande:

**RE: Notice of Intention to Designate:
Gummerson/Thorpe House
Part of Lot 24, Concession 7; Part 1 on Plan 51R-34092, municipally known as
3176 County Road 27
Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury**

On August 6, 2019, the Council of Bradford West Gwillimbury resolved to give notice of intent to designate 3176 County Road 27, under Section 29 of the Ontario Heritage Act, R.S.O. 1990 c. O.18, as it is of cultural heritage value and interest.

The purpose of this letter, as prescribed in Section 29 of the Ontario Heritage Act is to give Notice of Intent to Designate to the Ontario Heritage Trust. Additionally, Notice of Intent to Designate has been mailed to the owner and will be included in the January 30, 2020 edition of the Bradford West Gwillimbury Times.

Please see the attached 'Notice of Intention to Designate' which includes the required description of property, statement of cultural heritage value and description of heritage attributes.

We trust the above is satisfactory. Should you have any questions or require further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours truly,

Thomas Dysart
Planner

Attachment 1: Notice of Intention to Designate

**NOTICE OF INTENTION TO DESIGNATE PURSUANT TO SECTION 29 OF THE ONTARIO HERITAGE ACT,
R.S.O. 1990 c. O.18, AS AMENDED**

Gummerson-Thorpe House (circa 1860)
Part of Lot 24, Concession 7; Being Part 1 on Plan 51R-34092,
municipally known as 3176 County Road 27
Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury

TAKE NOTICE that the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury, on August 6, 2019, resolved to give notice of intent to designate 3176 County Road 27, under Section 29 of the Ontario Heritage Act, R.S.O. 1990 c. O.18, as it is of cultural heritage value and interest.

The Gummerson-Thorpe House is a single detached residential dwelling that is located at 3176 County Road 27 in the hamlet of Bond Head within the Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury. It is a 1 ½ storey brick Classical Revival building built in 1860 and has been in active use until 2018. The interior of the building would be excluded from the designation by-law.

The Gummerson-Thorpe House has cultural heritage value due to its architectural style and design, its historic associations and its contextual value in contributing to its immediate context. The site is associated with the development of the hamlet of Bond Head as well as the development and ongoing evolution of Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury.

The Gummerson-Thorpe House has significant *architectural value* as the original building is a wonderful example of a very early 1860 building in a rare classic revival style. The design is very pleasing and very well executed and the inclusion of the original windows, storm windows and doors is very unusual in Bradford West Gwillimbury. The early summer kitchen addition to the immediate south is sympathetic to the design and early evolution/function of the building. The building is constructed of dark red brick in Flemish bond pattern on the front façade, with English bond pattern elsewhere. The construction is two brick sandwiched around a central space filled with rubble and every tenth course with tie bricks. The brick design features a yellow brick detail pattern and embellishments on the string course, quoins and window and door headers. All building elements have medium slanted gable roofs. The original house has elegant molded wooden frieze beneath plain fascia and soffits with elegant cornice returns and features intact wooden six over six double hung windows with original storm windows. The window openings have flat topped rectangles and the windows on the second storey have plain wooden trim.

The original house is largely symmetrical with a central entrance and features an original wood panelled door, surrounded by sidelights and transom. The door features a carpenter rim look. The original home features 3 additions, the first of which was a summer kitchen to the south, and based on the age on the windows, may have been added sometime around 1880-1910 and is sympathetic in design to that of the original house.

The original house is surrounded on all sides by a slightly raised veranda which is supported by decorative posts and spandrels; they do appear to be a recreation of what the original porch may have looked like and the age of the porch on site cannot be determined.

The Gummerson-Thorpe House has significant *historical value* as the home represents the common early agricultural basis of the hamlet of Bond Head. The property has some historic significance as being owned, built by and occupied by the Gummerson family for over 100 years. The land would stay in the Gummerson family up until 1941.

The Gummerson-Thorpe House *contributes to its context* as it is on a property which is on the top of a hill or drumlin immediately north of the hamlet of Bond Head, south of Line 8 and west of County Road 27. Although the house cannot be properly appreciated from the road it has occupied the top of the hill for over 100 years and is associated with marking the northern limit of Bond Head. The house has been and continues to be a recognizable property seen when travelling through north or south along County Road 27 through the hamlet of Bond Head.

Any objection to this designation must be filed in writing within 30 days of the date of publication of the notice of intention, being no later than March 2, 2020.

Objections should be directed to:

Rebecca Murphy, Director of Corporate Services/Town Solicitor/Clerk
100 Dissette Street, Units 7 & 8,
P.O. Box 100
Bradford ON L3Z 2A7

Requests for additional information regarding the property and the designation process may be directed to:

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