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Notice of Intent to Designate as a Heritage Property

Take notice that the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Whitby intends to designate the property, legally describe below, as property of cultural heritage value and interest under Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act, R.S.O. 1990.

**Spencer School
7035 Country Lane
Lot 30, Concession 7
Whitby, Ontario**

Reason for Designation of 7035 Country Lane, Whitby, ON

Council of the Town of Whitby, owner of 7035 Country Lane, has requested that staff proceed with designating the property under Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act. The property meets one or more of the criteria for determining that it is of cultural heritage value or interest under Regulation 9/06.

Statement of Cultural Heritage Value and Interest

The cultural heritage value of the former Spencer Schoolhouse is related to its architectural design, and historic and contextual value.

The building incorporates a standard architectural plan and retains most of its original external features. The school conforms to the plan of one of the most identifiable Ontario one-room schoolhouse types. Slightly set back on a corner lot facing the primary concession road, the well-proportioned building is rectangular in plan. Typical of this style, the well-proportioned building form along with its setback from the road and positioning on the lot with landscape features are all essential to its character. This designation includes the large tree east of the schoolhouse.

Spencer School is a well-preserved example of the hundreds of one-room schoolhouses that were built throughout Upper Canada from the mid-nineteenth century into the twentieth century. The schools were located in the outlying rural areas near larger towns and served the rural population educating many generations of local children. The one-room schoolhouse represents an important stage in the development

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of a standardized public education system and the history of rural education in Whitby Township.

Description of Heritage Attributes

Key exterior attributes that exemplify the heritage value of the Spencer School as an example of a one-room schoolhouse that incorporates the Ontario Gothic Revival style include:

- Scale, simple form and massing;
- Rectangular plan with symmetrical front façade feature a three bay design and incorporating a high gable roof with projecting eaves and a plan soffit;
- Red brick construction in stretcher bond pattern;
- Date stone in the gable identifying the building as being completed in 1877 and noting it was S.S. No.6. (School Section No. 6);
- Wooden bell tower with bell with stylized bargeboard;
- Symmetrical rows of windows on each side elevation with semi-circular windows incorporating brick rounded segmental arches;
- Large tree east of the schoolhouse.

Objection

And take notice that should the Ontario Heritage Trust wish to submit notice of objection to the Clerk of the Town of Whitby, the deadline is 4:30 p.m. February 29, 2020. The notice of objection should include a statement of reasons for the objection and all relevant facts. If such notice of objection is received, the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Whitby will refer the matter to the Conservation Review Board for a hearing.

Dated at the Town of Whitby this 30 of January, 2020.

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