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February 3, 2023

Via Registered Mail and Email

Ms. Erin Semande  
Ontario Heritage Trust  
Heritage Programs and Operation  
10 Adelaide Street East  
Toronto, Ontario M5C 1J3

Dear Ms. Semande,

**RE: Notice of Intention to Designate 30 Properties to be of Cultural Heritage Value or Interest in the Town of Aurora**

Please find attached the Notices of Intention to Designate for each of the 30 properties that were resolved by the Council of the Town of Aurora on June 21, 2022, to become designated. These Notices include a statement explaining the Cultural Heritage Value or Interest and a description of the heritage attributes for each property.

The 30 properties are as follows with each Notice of Intention to Designate attached:

16 Reuben Street	16-18 Mosley Street	17 Wellington Street East
19 Mosley Street	21 Machell Avenue	21 Victoria Street
31 Tyler Street	33 Mosley Street	35 Metcalfe Street
36 Wells Street	41 Wellington Street East	42 Wellington Street East
50 Mill Street	50 Tyler Street	50 Wellington Street East
53 Mosley Street	53 Wellington Street East	55 Metcalfe Street
56-58 Mosley Street	57 Mosley Street	68 Mosley Street
71 Tyler Street	73 Kennedy Street West	73 Wellington Street East
77 Wellington Street East	79 Victoria Street	81 Tyler Street
1978 Vandorf Sideroad	14314-14378 Yonge Street	15800 Yonge Street

The Town's Heritage Advisory Committee was also consulted, including through the meeting held on Monday, May 2, 2022. The Notices also outline the objection process, and pursuant to Section 29(3) of the *Ontario Heritage Act*, they will be published in a newspaper having general circulation in the municipality (The Auroran) and will also be served to each property owner.

Yours sincerely,

Michael de Rond  
Town Clerk

Attach.

- c. Marco Ramunno, Director, Planning and Development Services
- c. Adam Robb, Senior Planner, Planning and Development Services

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**NOTICE OF INTENTION  
TO DESIGNATE 16-18 MOSLEY STREET**

**RECEIVED**  
2023/02/03  
(YYYY/MM/DD)  
Ontario Heritage Trust

TAKE NOTICE THAT the Council of The Corporation of the Town of Aurora intends to designate the following property as a property of Cultural Heritage Value or Interest pursuant to the provisions of Section 29 of the *Ontario Heritage Act*, R.S.O. 1990, c. O.18, as amended. A statement of reasons is included.

16-18 Mosley Street  
The Salvation Army Citadel  
Lot 1 N/s Mosley St, Pl 68; Town of Aurora  
PIN: 036510044

**Description of Property**

The property known municipally as 16-18 Mosley Street is located on the north side of Mosley Street, east of Yonge Street and west of Victoria Street, in the downtown and Town Park area of Aurora known locally as Southeast Old Aurora. The property consists of a 2.5 storey former place of worship representative of Gothic Revival architecture, as well as a 1.5 storey Ontario cottage located on the east side of the building, which originally served as the historic church parsonage.

**Statement of Cultural Heritage Value or Interest**

16-18 Mosley Street is of Cultural Heritage Value or Interest based on its design and physical value, historical and associative value, and contextual value.

**Design and Physical Value:**

The chapel building on the property is 2.5 storeys and is representative of Gothic Revival architecture with some Classical design influences. The building represents a high degree of craftsmanship and artistic merit specifically in relation to the brick pilasters, lancet windows, mouldings, pediment roof and open gabled roof oculus. The building is also a highly rare and unique example of the Gothic Revival style influenced by Classical elements with construction occurring over 160 years ago. The 1.5 storey parsonage is representative of an early Ontario cottage and represents skilled craftsmanship in its build form with a centred hall plan and gabled roofline. The integrity of both buildings and contributions to the streetscape are of high value.

**Historical and Associative Value:**

The property was originally purchased by the Canadian Wesleyan Methodist New Connexion Church in 1856. The land was purchased from John Mosley, one of the original landowners and subdividers of historic Aurora (Machell's Corners). Within the same year of 1856 the chapel was constructed, and then the church parsonage was built in 1888, the same year as the Town of Aurora's incorporation. The property served as a chapel and religious property for the Methodists from 1856 to 1885. In 1885, the property was then purchased by the Salvation Army Church. The property and buildings were used as part of the Aurora "Salvation Army Citadel" from 1885 to 1972, a span of 87 years. The naming of the building as Citadel was in keeping with Salvationist convention to use military terminology for their operations and in this case the name of their church building.

The property offers unique insight into the progression and evolution of the Methodist Church and Salvation Army within the Town and has significance to the local community by being a historically significant central hub for socio-religious activities.

## Contextual Value:

The property defines, maintains and supports the historic character of the Aurora downtown core and Town Park area. The existing chapel and cottage dwelling on site were both functionally linked and supported the functions of the place of worship. The property is also historically linked to its surroundings as the Wesleyan Methodist New Connexion Church were a subset of the original Wesleyan Methodist Church located at Yonge and Tyler Streets. The property is within a unique and significant streetscape along Mosley Street and is considered a landmark due to its uniqueness and orientation/proximity to Yonge Street.

## Description of Heritage Attributes

The following provides a description of heritage attributes for the property which contribute to the reasons for which the property is of Cultural Heritage Value or Interest. Important to the preservation of the property are the original key attributes of the building that express its value, which include:

### Exterior Elements

#### Chapel

- Overall 2.5 storey massing of the chapel building composed of brick
- Decorative brickwork including brick pilasters
- Open gabled shallow pitched roofline with deep soffits and fascia including Classical pediment like gable
- All original lancet window openings with spandrels and mouldings
- Oculus louvered window with quatrefoil design in gable on front façade
- Original rough stone foundation

#### Parsonage

- Overall 1.5 storey massing composed of wood framing
- Open gabled medium pitched roofline
- Symmetrical front façade with centre hall design
- Original window coverings and door openings

Notice of objection to this notice of intention to designate the property may be served on the Clerk of the Town of Aurora within 30 days after the date of publication of the notice of intention to designate in the local newspaper. This notice of objection must set out the reason for the objection and all relevant facts. If a notice of objection is received, the Council of the Town of Aurora shall consider the objection and make a decision whether to withdraw the notice of intention to designate the property or not.

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Town Clerk

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