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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 19-21 MACHELL AVENUE

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.

19-21 Machell Avenue  
The Thompson House  
Part of Lot 5, Plan 36, Part 2 Plan 65r38713; Town of Aurora  
PIN: 036370779; 036370778

Description of Property

The property known municipally as 19-21 Machell Avenue is located at the east side of Machell Avenue between Irwin Avenue and Wellington Street West. The property includes a representative example of a 2.5 storey Gothic Revival dwelling constructed circa 1886, and was also the home of Matthew Hind Thompson, who is known as the very first Principal of the renowned Church Street School.

Statement of Cultural Heritage Value or Interest

21 Machell Avenue 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 property is a representative example of the Gothic Revival architectural style and can be described as a 2.5 storey yellow brick semi-detached dwelling constructed circa 1885. The dwelling itself includes features indicative of its period of construction and high craftsmanship and detail, including the distinct steeply pitched front elevation gable, 4-bay front façade, covered porch, ornate bargeboard, louvered shutter below the centre gable and yellow brick as part of the overall symmetrical building design. The building is a rare and well-preserved example of a Gothic Revival dwelling with exceptional design detail and character.

Historical and Associative Value:

The building was constructed circa 1885, over approximately 135 years ago. The building was home to John van Nostrand who was a timber lot and sawmill owner, and previous to that, was also the home to the notable Matthew Hind Thompson, who was the first Principal of the Church Street School located at 22 Church Street in Aurora. The construction and program development for the Church Street School, which Mr. Thompson would have been involved with, was designed to accommodate 400 students, which was a substantial size for the time period but reflective of the confidence in Aurora’s future and expected growth. Mr. Thompson would have been instrumental in leading the educational development for the burgeoning Town.

Contextual Value:

The property defines, maintains and supports the historic character of the Aurora Town centre. The building and its proximity to the heart of the Aurora historic centre in and around Yonge and Wellington Streets provides a significant link to the early growth and development of the Town. As the residence for the first Principal of the Church Street School, this property is intrinsically tied to one of Aurora’s most valuable heritage assets, with the Church Street School property recognized on the National and Provincial Registers and often considered one of the finest examples of late Victorian public architecture. Further, the connection to the theme of education and supporting the new dawn of the growth of Aurora cannot be underscored.

## 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

- Overall 2.5 storey scale and massing composed of beige/yellow brick as part of the Gothic Revival architectural style
- Side gabled roof with steeply pitched front elevation gable
- 4-bay front façade
- Decorative wood bargeboard
- All window openings inclusive of wood frames, and brick voussoirs and sills visible from the public realm
- Projected portions of windows on either side of the central entrance constructed of brick with wood entablature
- Louvered shutter opening at the front elevation below the centred gable

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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