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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 57 MOSLEY STREET**

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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.

57 Mosley Street
Aurora Masonic Hall
Pt Lt 11 S/s Mosley St Pl 68 Aurora; Pt Lt 12 S/s Mosley St Pl 68 Aurora;
Pt Lt 13 S/s Mosley St Pl 68 Aurora As In Au842 Except B24492b; Aurora
PIN: 036510089

Description of Property

The property known municipally as 57 Mosley Street is situated at the southwest corner of Wells Street and Mosley Street in the neighbourhood locally known as Southeast Old Aurora. The property includes an institutional building being the Aurora Masonic Lodge/Rising Sun Masonic Lodge, which was formerly the Methodist Episcopal Church constructed circa 1877 in the Gothic Revival architectural style.

Statement of Cultural Heritage Value or Interest

57 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 property is a unique and well preserved example of the Gothic Revival architectural style. The building displays a high degree of design detail and craftsmanship including through the steeply pitched front gabled roof, brickwork, lancet shaped window openings, polychromatic brick voussoirs, bargeboard with a quatrefoil design in the gable peak, stone foundation, and wood brackets under the eaves. The property possesses a highly unique and detailed design character while displaying significant artistic merit as a rare and well-preserved example of the Gothic architectural style.

Historical and Associative Value:

The building was originally owned by the Methodist Episcopal Church, who were responsible for the construction of the building circa 1877. The property was then sold to the Masons in 1885. The Masonic Lodge has operated on the property for over a century, as a key institutional and community hub. The property has direct associations with the theme of Aurora's growth and helps to yield a greater understanding of our community and culture.

Contextual Value:

The property defines, maintains and supports the historic character the area and is significantly important as a landmark for the intersection of Wells and Mosley Streets directly adjacent to the historic Town Park. The steep gabled roof and detailed craftsmanship enhance the streetscape and the property is highly important in linking with the early growth of the Town especially as a key institutional site and place of community gathering. Key views and vistas of the property exist from the road and also from the Town Park itself.

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 single storey scale and massing with a steeply pitched gabled roof
- Buff/yellow brick construction with stone foundation
- Bargeboard in the gable peaks and wood brackets under the eaves on the east and west elevations
- Polychromatic brick voussoirs
- Buttresses on the north and south elevations
- Lancet window openings and all other original window and door openings
- Brick chimney at the west elevation
- Gabled wood frame vestibule at the north elevation

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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