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September 29, 2009

VIA COURIER

Ontario Heritage Trust
10 Adelaide street East
Toronto, ON M5C 1J3

Annette and Matthew Gilgan
171 Chisholm St.
Oakville, ON L6K 3J6

Dear Sirs and/or Madames:

**Subject: Notice of Intention to Designate
55 Chisholm St., Oakville, Ontario**

Attached please find the Notice of Intention to designate the above-mentioned property which is served upon you in accordance with section 29(3) of the *Ontario Heritage Act*, R.S.O. 1990, c.18, (the "*Act*").

Pursuant to section 29(4.1) of the *Act* any person who objects to the proposed designation must file a notice of objection to the designation with the Town Clerk at 1225 Trafalgar Road, P.O. Box 310, Oakville, Ontario L6J 5A6, no later than **October 30, 2009**.

Sincerely,

Kelly-Anne Lanaus
Legislative Coordinator

Encls.

c.c. C. Best, Town Clerk
D. Anderson, Director of Planning Services
D. Baker, Assistant Town Solicitor
M. Seaman, Manager of Heritage Planning



NOTICE OF INTENTION TO DESIGNATE

55 Chisholm Street, Oakville, ON

TAKE NOTICE that Oakville Town Council, on September 14, 2009 resolved to issue a Notice of Intention to Designate PLAN 1 BLK 72 PT LOTS 6,8 municipally known as 55 Chisholm Street under Section 29 of the *Ontario Heritage Act*, R.S.O. 1990, c. 18, as a property of cultural heritage value and interest.

1. Description of Property

The subject property is located on the east side of 55 Chisholm Street between Burnet and Anderson Streets. The property includes a historic stucco house.

2. Statement of Cultural Heritage Value or Interest

Design or physical value

The house on the subject property has design and physical value as a representative and rare remaining example of a vernacular workers' cottage with saltbox design in Oakville. Constructed c.1870, the house is a vernacular 1 ½ storey frame and stucco clad building with non-historic 1-storey rear and side additions. The simple construction and materials of the house reflect the practicality of this structure as a workers' house for employees of nearby industries.

Despite some modern alterations to the exterior of the house, the original form of the building remains and continues to contribute to the structure's architectural and historical significance.

Historical or associative value

This property has historical and associative value because of its direct associations with the Marlatt & Armstrong Leather Company, at one time the town's largest factory. This company owned the property between 1911 and 1943. During its operation, the tannery was the largest factory in Oakville and employed many residents of the town. The company produced numerous leather goods such as purses, gloves, collar and cuff boxes, cricket balls, footballs, and other novelty items, as well as leather products for automobiles. The closure of the tannery in 1924 was seen as a major tragedy, and many families and businesses were strongly impacted by the loss.

Contextual value

The subject property has contextual value because it is important in defining and maintaining the early vernacular character of the area which was once home to the tannery and numerous tannery workers' homes. The subject property, in conjunction with the historic house directly to the north, forms a historic grouping of 19th century cottages which continue to tell an important story of Oakville's early industrial heritage.

3. Description of Heritage Attributes

The Reasons for Designation include the following heritage attributes and apply to all elevations and the roof including all facades, entrances, windows, and trim, together with construction materials of wood, stone, plaster parging, metal and glazing, their related building techniques and landscape features:

Exterior Elements:

- The 1 ½ storey form and structure of the historic main portion of the house
- Historic 2/2 wood windows and wood trim on north elevation
- Wood cornice, wood corner trim and wood base trim on historic main portion of the house
- Stucco cladding on historic main portion of the house
- Orientation of the house to Chisholm Street

OBJECTIONS: Any objection to this designation must be filed no later than **October 30, 2009**. Objections should be directed to Cathie Best, Town Clerk, 1225 Trafalgar Road, P.O. Box 310, Oakville, Ontario L6J 5A6.

MORE INFORMATION: Any inquiries may be directed to Michael Seaman, Manager of Heritage Planning at 905-845-6601, extension 3873 or by email at mseaman@oakville.ca

Last Date to file Notice of Objection: October 30, 2009

Cathie Best, Town Clerk