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July 2, 2015

Jim Leonard
Registrar - Ontario Heritage Trust
10 Adelaide Street East
Toronto, ON M5C 1J3

Re: Notice of Intention to Designate

Dear Mr. Leonard,

Enclosed please find the *Notice of Intention to Designate* 10300 The Gore Road, Brampton, Ontario as being of cultural heritage value or interest under Part IV of the *Ontario Heritage Act*. Please feel free to contact me for any further information.

Regards,



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NOTICE

In accordance with procedure By-law 160-2004, and in the matter of the *Ontario Heritage Act*, R.S.O. 1990, Chapter O. 18, and the matter of the lands and premises known as Former Castlemore School S.S. # 6, located at 10300 The Gore Road in the City of Brampton, in the Province of Ontario:

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO DESIGNATE

TAKE NOTICE that the Council of the City of Brampton intends to designate property situated at 10300 The Gore Road (Former Castlemore School S.S. # 6) in the City of Brampton, in the Province of Ontario, as a property of cultural heritage value or interest under Part IV of the *Ontario Heritage Act*, R.S.O. c. O. 18.

DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY

The former Castlemore School S.S. # 6 at 10300 The Gore Road is located on the west side of The Gore Road, mid-block between Castlemore Road and Countryside Drive. The principle structure is a brick, one-and-half-storey vernacular schoolhouse that features a gable roof with a prominent tower. The principle structure is set back from the road with a modern residence located to the east. The property is screened with large coniferous trees to the south. The property is within the Toronto-Gore Rural Estate area, and is in close proximity to the new Gore Meadows Community Centre and Library.

SHORT STATEMENT OF THE REASON FOR THE DESIGNATION

The property at 10300 The Gore Road is worthy of designation under Part IV of the *Ontario Heritage Act* for its cultural heritage value. The property meets the criteria for designation prescribed by the Province of Ontario under the three categories of design/physical value, historical/associative value and contextual value.

Design/Physical Value:

The cultural heritage value of the former Castlemore Schoolhouse S.S. # 6 at 10300 The Gore Road is related to its design or physical value, as it is a representative and good example of a vernacular one-room schoolhouse. The schoolhouse is well designed in a typical one-room schoolhouse style. It has a gable roof with a prominent tower on the east end. The bullseye window in the gable peak has replaced a circular wood label. The schoolhouse is constructed

out of brick with common bonds and header rows every sixth row. A dichrome brick pattern decorates the front frieze and around the bullseye window. The building also features buff brick quoins, and buff brick flat segmental arch with stone keystones over the windows and front door.

Historical/Associative Value:

The property also has historical value as it can be associated with both the village of Castlemore and the former one-room schoolhouses of Toronto Gore Township. It is also historically significant due to its previous use as Castlemore School S.S. #6 for 89 years.

The village of Castlemore had a population of about 100 people in 1877. It was a small village on The Gore Road, ten miles from Brampton. The Peel County Atlas (1877) describes the village having a Post Office and store, a blacksmith shop, a hotel, an English Church, and a "good" schoolhouse. The first public school situated near Castlemore was of frame construction. It was located on the 9th concession, in the east half of lot 11, Toronto Gore. It was built on a small parcel sold to the school trustees by Patrick Doherty. It was replaced in 1873 by the present brick building on a new site containing one acre of land in the 9th concession in the east half of lot 12. The schoolhouse remains in its original location today.

The one-room schoolhouse style illustrates the trend in the Ontario education system at the time. One-room schoolhouses were promoted by Dr. Edgerton Ryerson, the "father" of the Ontario education system, and were the model of Ontario education for generations. There were two other one-room schools in Toronto Gore Township:

- Union Section #4 Toronto Gore, #18 Chinguacousy, known as Tullamore, and;
- Union Section #10 Toronto Gore, #23 Vaughan, or Ebenezer.

School Section #6 Toronto Gore, or Castlemore, was the only school not in a union section with another township.

Progressing along with the trend away from one-room schools and towards graded schools, it was decided that the three one-room schools in the Toronto Gore Township would be consolidated into one new school, Castlemore Public School on the Gore Road just south of Castlemore Road. The three schools in township, Castlemore, Ebenezer, and Tullamore, closed on June 19th, 1962.

Contextual Value:

The former Castlemore Schoolhouse S.S. # 6 also holds contextual value as it is visually and historically linked to its surroundings. It also supports, reflects and contributes to the rural character of the former Toronto Gore Township and the village of Castlemore. Although set back on the property, the school's tower can be seen along The Gore Road and from the intersection of Castlemore Road and The Gore Road. The schoolhouse is one of the last remnants of rural heritage in an area that is becoming urbanized.

DESCRIPTION OF HERITAGE ATTRIBUTES

The heritage attributes comprise all façades, architectural detailing, construction materials and associated building techniques, as well as significant landscape elements and important vistas. The detailed heritage attributes/character defining elements include, but are not limited to:

Design/Physical Value:

- One-and-a-half storey, one-room schoolhouse
- Gable roof
- Bullseye window
- Bell tower
- Dichrome brick patterning under front façade eaves
- Corbel brick pattern under eaves
- Quoining
- Buff brick flat segmental arches with stone keystones over windows

Historical/Associative Value:

- Constructed in 1873
- Functioned as Castlemore School S.S. # 6 for 89 years (1873-1962)
- Illustrates the trend of one room schoolhouses
- Associated with the rural schools of the Toronto Gore Township, one of a few still standing

Contextual Value:

- Visually marks the former rural community of Castlemore
- Visible along The Gore Road

The short statement of reason for the designation, including a description of the heritage attributes along with all other components of the detailed Heritage Report: Statement of Reason for Heritage Designation, constitute the "reason for heritage designation" required under the *Ontario Heritage Act*.

Please contact Katrina Guy, Heritage Coordinator, at 905-874-2618 to view this document, and for further information. Any objections to this proposed designation must be filed with the City Clerk no later than 4:30 p.m. on **DATE** (within 30 days of the publication of this notice).

Date: **Month Day, Year**

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