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March 28, 2018

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Re: Request for Hard Copy Documents

Dear Erin Semande,

Please find enclosed a copy of the Notices of Intention to Designate 7 English Street, 1300 Steeles Avenue East, and 2591 Bovaird Drive West under Part IV, Section 29 of the *Ontario Heritage Act*. These documents were requested via email on March 12, 2018.

Please feel free to contact me if you require any further information.

Regards,

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Public Notice

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, located at 7 English Street 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 7 English Street 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 house at 7 English Street is located on the south side of English Street, west of Main Street North. The two-and-a-half storey, three-bay Second Empire mansion, built circa 1870, features a mansard roof and a three-storey tower. The large estate is prominent on English Street, a street with housing from the late 19th century to mid-20th century. The property contains mature trees and a small parking lot to the south of the home. The property is located within Secondary Plan Area 7. The Plan states the importance of retaining and conserving buildings of architectural and/or historic merit on their original sites within this distinct "Character Area" in the Downtown Brampton precinct of the Central Area. It is a unique and historical area based on the lot pattern, the presence of historic dwellings and an existing mature tree canopy.

SHORT STATEMENT OF THE REASON FOR THE DESIGNATION

The property at 7 English Street 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 or physical value, historical value and contextual value.

Design/Physical Value:

The cultural heritage value of 7 English Street is related to its design and physical value as a Second Empire style mansion. Inspired by French Renaissance architecture, the Second Empire style experienced a period of popularity in North America between 1865 and 1880. It is distinguished by a mansard roof, a formal and symmetrical facade, decorative window hoods and sills, and iron cresting. The goal of the style was to impress upon visitors the feeling of grandeur and class. Accordingly, the Second Empire style was primarily associated with the estates of wealthier families. The mansard roof and dormers were also important features of all Second Empire dwellings because they allowed

more space in the upper storey for servants. They enabled the maximum use of interior attic space without adding additional masonry. Typical Ontario interpretations of Second Empire style incorporated curved or straight mansard roofs, projecting bay windows, and hooded and circular dormers. More intricate details included eaves, decorative brackets, hood moulding over dormer windows.

Built in the early 1870s, the two-and-a-half storey, 14-room brick home at 7 English Street features a mansard roof with multiple arched dormer windows. The brick has a stretcher bond with a header row every six rows. Brackets and a patterned frieze decorate the large cornice. The prominent, central three-storey tower features brackets under the top cornice, and the entrance on the main floor with sidelights, a fan transom, and a large brick label (a projecting moulding by the sides and over the top of an opening) with a keystone. The windows feature similar shaped labels with brick detailing. A one-storey bay window in the front façade has brick detailing below the windows and dentils above.

Historical/Associative Value:

The property at 7 English Street also has historical value as it is associated with significant families and individuals. C. J. Wheelock surveyed Plan BR-25 in 1873. Later that year, John Wesley Beynon and his wife bought all of Lot 1 for \$307. A native of Ontario who arrived in Brampton in 1867, Beynon was a barrister, honoured with the status of King's Counsel. He practiced law in Brampton for many years, but also served as the first Sunday School Superintendent for Grace Methodist Church, Vice-President of the Pease Foundry Company, as director of Buffalo McKinnon Dash, an active temperance movement worker and founding member of the Scott Act Association.

In 1885, the property was sold to William Wilson and then again in 1901 to Sarah Jane Magill, wife of James J. Magill. The Magill family named the home "Gillcrest". After James Magill passed away in 1915, the house was sold to Bertha Algie in 1919 for \$1.00. Bertha Algie was the daughter of Harry Dale and oldest grandchild of Edward Dale. The Dale Estate nurseries played an instrumental role in the development of Brampton, establishing its reputation as "The Flower Town of Canada." Bertha's husband, William Algie, was the son of William W. Algie, owner of Beaver Woolen Mills. Mr. Algie passed in 1932. In 1945, Edgar Alan Algie bought the property and turned the house into apartments. The Algie family sold the home in 1955.

Contextual Value:

Furthermore, the property has contextual value as it supports and contributes to the historical streetscape of English Street and the character of Downtown Brampton. Oriented towards Main Street, the house now relates to the late 19th century to mid-20th century residential area to the north and west. The large mansion is very prominent along English Street and is visible from Main Street. It is located within close proximity to residences previously owned by the Dale family and close to Downtown Brampton.

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:

- Second Empire architectural style
- Two-and-a-half storey brick construction
- Mansard roof
- Arched dormer windows
- Large cornice with bracket and patterned frieze
- Three-storey, central tower with brackets
- Brick window labels
- One-storey bay window with brick detailing and dentils
- Large, mature trees

Historical/Associative Value:

- Built in the early 1870s
- Built for John Beynon, prominent Brampton lawyer
- Associated with the Magill family
- Associated with the Algie and Dale family of the Dale Estate

Contextual Value:

- Contributes to the character of English Street, Downtown Brampton and the surrounding residential neighbourhood
- Located within close proximity to other previous Dale residences
- Prominent structure along English Street and visible from Main Street

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 July 23, 2015 (within 30 days of the publication of this notice).

Date: June 23, 2015

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