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**Subject: Notice of Intention to Designate  
Trafalgar Memorial  
120 Oak Park Blvd.,  
Block 2, Plan 20M-657, Except Pt 1, 20R20154  
Oakville, Ontario**

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Attached please find the Notice of Intention to Designate the above-mentioned property which is served upon you in accordance with section 29 of the *Ontario Heritage Act, R.S.O. 1990, c.O.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, Oakville, Ontario, L6H 0H3 no later than **August 20, 2018**.

Sincerely,

Susanna Willie  
Planning Clerk/Legislation

Encls.

Cc: Vicki Tytaneck, Town Clerk  
Mark H. Simeoni, Director of Planning Services  
Nadia Chandra, Assistant Town Solicitor  
Diane Childs, Manager, Policy & Heritage Planning, Planning Services  
Carolyn Van Sligtenhorst, Heritage Planner

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## **NOTICE OF INTENTION TO DESIGNATE**

On July 9, 2018, Oakville Town Council resolved to pass a Notice of Intention to Designate the following property under Section 29 of the *Ontario Heritage Act*, R.S.O. 1990, c. O.18, as amended, as a property of cultural heritage value and interest:

Trafalgar Memorial  
120 Oak Park Blvd, Oakville, Ontario  
Block 2, Plan 20M657, Except Pt 1 20R20154, Town of Oakville

### **Description of Property**

The Trafalgar Memorial is located in Memorial Park, a Town-owned park which is bounded by Oak Park Boulevard on the east, Central Park Drive on the south, Georgian Drive on the west and Hays Boulevard on the north. The property contains remnants of the former Trafalgar Memorial Hall which was once located at the southeast corner of Trafalgar Road and Dundas Street. These remnants now serve as a war memorial for Trafalgar Township veterans of war.

### **Statement of Cultural Heritage Value or Interest**

#### *Historical Value or Associative Value*

The Trafalgar Memorial has cultural heritage value for its historical associations with the former Trafalgar Township, the former hamlet of Trafalgar (also known as Post's Corners and Postville) and with veterans of war from Trafalgar Township.

Dedicated in 2005, Trafalgar Memorial was designed and built as a war memorial recognizing almost 700 veterans from the former Trafalgar Township who served during World War I, World War II and the Korean War. In preparation for the memorial, volunteers collected names from local churches and historical records to create one comprehensive list of veterans from Trafalgar Township. This memorial is now the only location where all of these names are presented together in a physical monument.

The memorial site has importance for families throughout Trafalgar Township and is culturally significant as a reminder of the contributions of local families to the war effort throughout the 20<sup>th</sup> century. During these three periods of war, the effects of war were considerable, resulting in economic hardship, a reduced work force, significant loss of life and the long term impact of wounded and shattered soldiers returning from war. As they did in communities throughout Canada, these historical events played a significant role in the development of Trafalgar Township and this memorial helps to commemorate the individuals who contributed to these war efforts, including those who made the ultimate sacrifice with their lives.

The memorial also has cultural heritage value for its remnants of the former Trafalgar Memorial Hall building, formerly located at the southeast corner of Trafalgar Road and Dundas Street. This intersection was once home to the hamlet of Postville, also known as Post's Corners and Trafalgar. Once home to a store, school, steam saw mill, inn, drill shed, post office and numerous houses, the hamlet was a stage stop between York and Dundas. By the 1960s, many of the buildings had been torn down and eventually

commemorating the Trafalgar Memorial; a 2005 plaque with names of World War I veterans; two 2005 plaques with names of World War II veterans; and a 2005 plaque with names of Korean War veterans. The plaques are angled to symbolically represent those who have fallen during these wars.

### *Contextual Value*

The Trafalgar Memorial is contextually significant as a reminder of the former hamlet of Postville at the intersection of Trafalgar Road and Dundas Street. The Trafalgar Memorial Hall was once a significant building in the centre of this hamlet and the remnants used in the memorial are a rare and physical reminder of the former built heritage which has, for the most part, been lost.

The property also has contextual significance as a reminder of the formerly rural Trafalgar Township which included numerous small villages and hamlets like Postville. It also represents the many local families who contributed to the war effort, many of whom lived on farms and worked the fields nearby that have since been redeveloped. The memorial is a reminder of this post-contact European settlement throughout Trafalgar Township and its rural and agricultural history.

### Description of Heritage Attributes

Key attributes of the Trafalgar Memorial which embody and commemorate the physical, historical and contextual significance of the memorial include:

- The brick garden walls made of red bricks salvaged from the former Trafalgar Memorial Hall and capped in new stone;
- The layout of the brick garden walls which mimic the footprint of the former Trafalgar Memorial Hall;
- The arch made of red brick and stone salvaged from the former Trafalgar Memorial Hall, including the steel letters which spell 'Trafalgar Memorial';
- The design of the arch which replicates the original frontispiece of the former Trafalgar Memorial Hall;
- The brick monument containing the plaques which is made of red bricks salvaged from the former Trafalgar Memorial Hall and capped in new stone;
- The design of the brick monument which is angled to symbolically represent those who have fallen in war; and
- The six bronze plaques on the monument.

Any objection to this designation must be filed no later than August 20, 2018. Objections should be directed to the Town Clerk, 1225 Trafalgar Road, Oakville, Ontario L6H 0H3.

Any inquiries may be directed to Carolyn Van Sligtenhorst, heritage planner at 905-845-6601, ext. 3875 (TTY 905-338-4200), or by email at [carolyn.van@oakville.ca](mailto:carolyn.van@oakville.ca)

The last date to file a notice of objection is August 20, 2018.