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January 23, 2025

Wilton Grove Holdings Inc.
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Ontario Heritage Trust
Via E-mail

**Re: Notice of Intention to Designate Property at 1361 Wilton Grove Road
The Ontario Heritage Act, R.S.O. 1990, c. O.18**

Enclosed for your information is notice of the Council of The Corporation of the City of London's intention to designate the property identified above pursuant to Section 29 of the *Ontario Heritage Act*, R.S.O. 1990, c. O.18 and the reasons for designation. Any person who objects to any intended designation must, **within thirty days** after the date of first publication, serve on the City Clerk a notice of objection in writing, setting out the reason for the objection and all relevant facts. The *Ontario Heritage Act* provides that where a notice of objection has been served, the Council shall consider the objection and decide whether to proceed with designation.


Michael Schulthess
City Clerk
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NOTICE OF INTENTION TO DESIGNATE PROPERTY OF CULTURAL HERITAGE VALUE OR INTEREST

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Council of The Corporation of the City of London intends to designate as a property of cultural heritage value or interest the following property in accordance with the *Ontario Heritage Act, R.S.O. 1990*:

Property Description: 1361 Wilton Grove Road

Publication Date: January 23, 2025

Last Date for Objection: February 22, 2025

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Legal Description

Part Lots 10 And 11, Concession 3 And Part Of The Original Road Allowance Between Lots 10 And 11, Concession 3 As Closed By By-law 169214 As In 384689; Save And Except Part 1, Plan 33r-641; Parts 1 And 3, Plan 33r-3517; Part 1, Plan 33r-4646 And Part 1, Plan 33r-16862; Subject To Wu53189, Wu39772, 604933 "description In 384689 May Not Be Acceptable In The Future, 4thly Re: Travelled Road" London/Westminster.

Description of Property

The property at 1361 Wilton Grove Road is located on the south side of Wilton Grove Road with frontage on Highbury Avenue to the east, Green Valley Road to the south, and Hubrey Road to the west. The property is located in the former Westminster Township, annexed by the City of London in 1993.

Statement of Cultural Heritage Value or Interest

The property of 1361 Wilton Grove Road contains a two and a half storey brick dwelling that is representative of the Queen Anne Revival style with Edwardian influences. The dwelling was constructed at or near the turn of the century (~1900) given its architectural expressions. The building is cross gabled with a front facing gable, has a steeply pitched roof, and is primarily composed of red brick with a brick foundation. The front elevation of the building has an off-centered entrance with a transom window, a shallow covered porch with decorative columns, textured shingles and a window within the gable, a two-storey bay window, vertical banding in the brickwork of the bay window, tall and narrow window openings, cornices with dentils and block-like cornice brackets on the second storey. The easterly dwelling and accessory structures (Buildings 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, and 9) on the property do not have significant design value.

The [REDACTED] family has been associated with the Wilton Grove area since 1832 and have owned the property for over 180 years (1840-2021). Moreover, [REDACTED] (1916-1991) was a significant person locally and to the agricultural community. [REDACTED] was instrumental in the family's transition from mixed farming to cattle farming (Holsteins) and producing registered seed grain under the prefix of "Croslea". The agricultural setting of the property continues to relate to the historic use of the property by the [REDACTED] family, specifically by [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] was likely responsible for the construction of the majority of the existing farm complex buildings given that their primary dates of construction range between 1940 and 1970. Further, the [REDACTED] family was likely responsible for the construction of the Queen Anne style dwelling (Building 1) given their ownership of the property at the approximate date of construction.

██████████ was inducted into the Canadian Seed Growers' Hall of Fame in 1992 and the Middlesex County Agricultural Hall of Fame in 2001 as a respect agronomist who dedicated his life to the production and promotion of pedigreed seed.

██████████ was also involved with many organizations, including:

- Ontario Soil and Crop Association as a representative at the Ontario Seed Growers' Association,
- Western Fair Association as a director and later as a president (1977-1979),
- Middlesex County as a warden (1973),
- Middlesex Soil and Crop Improvement Association as a member and later as a president (1937-1947) who contributed to the development of the Western Fair Farm Show, and
- Canadian Seed Growers' Association as a long-serving director and chair of its Ontario Pedigreed Seed Growers' section.

██████████ also served as a township councillor reeve between 1961 and 1974, a trustee at the local school board, member and president of the Westminster Agricultural Society, trustee of the First Westminster United Church, and board member of the Upper Thames River Conservation Authority, University of Western Ontario and Victoria Hospital. ██████████'s wife, ██████████, was also active in the community as a past president and honorary lifetime member of the London Area Women's Institute and his father, ██████████ also served as a warden for the County of Middlesex in 1937.

Heritage Attributes

Heritage attributes which contribute to the cultural heritage value or interest of this property, and support Building 1 meeting Criterion 1 as a representative example of Queen Anne Revival architectural styling with Edwardian influences, include:

Building 1 (Queen Anne Revival Farmhouse)

- Two and a half storey massing;
- Red brick construction;
- Steeply pitched cross-gable roof;
- Shallow covered porch with decorative columns;
- Off-centered entrance with transom;
- Two storey bay window on the north elevation with vertical banding in brickwork;
- Tall and narrow window openings on lower two storeys;
- Textured shingles and windows in gables; and
- Cornices with dentils and cornice brackets.

DATED at London, Ontario on January 23, 2025

Michael Schulthess, City Clerk