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CITY OF VAUGHAN

In the Matter of the Ontario Heritage Act, R.S.O. 1980, Chapter 337:

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In the Matter of the Lands and Premises known Municipally as Woodbridge Memorial Tower and Park Site, 80 Wallace Street, Woodbridge, Lot 6, Concession 7, City of Vaughan in the Regional Municipality of York, in the Province of Ontario.

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO DESIGNATE

TAKE NOTICE that the Council of the Corporation of the City of Vaughan intends to designate the Woodbridge Memorial Tower and Park Site located on the lands known Municiaplly as Lot 6, Concession 7, in the City of Vaughan, in the Regional Municipality of York, in the Province of Ontario, having historical and architectural value or interest under Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act, R.S.O. 1980, Chapter 337:

Woodbridge Memorial Tower and Park Site 80 Wallace Street Woodbridge, Ontario

SUMMARY OF REASONS FOR DESIGNATION

The Woodbridge Memorial Tower and Park Site, located at 80 Wallace Street, Woodbridge, Lot 6, Concession 7, is recommended for designation under Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act for architectural and historical reasons.

In commemoration of the great courage demonstrated by the twenty-six men from the Woodbridge area killed in the First World War (1914-1918), the Village of Woodbridge Council on June 9, 1924, passed Bylaw No. 470, granting the sum of \$1500.00 for the purpose of erecting a memorial in their honour.

Construction of the Woodbridge War Memorial Tower began in 1924 and was completed that same year with the assistance of volunteer members of the community: John Johnston of Woodbridge donated the fieldstone for the tower's construction; Fred Barret, a stone mason from Humbervale, near Weston (south of Woodbridge), built the Tower.

The site is designed in four stepped levels; the highest level is occupied by the Tower. Each level is supported by a retaining wall of cut stone. The cut stone found at the highest level was salvaged from what was known as the old Humbér Bridge, demolished with the widening of Highway No. 7 in 1924.

Three field guns are located at the site. Two guns flank the Tower on its north and south side and the third gun sits on the second stepped-level (from the bottom), next to a flag pole. The two top field guns have the inscription "Fried. Krupp" indicating they were assembled by Krupp of Germany, one of the largest German armament manufacturers of the 19th and 20th centuries.

The fieldstone tower is approximately 60 feet high and 11 feet wide. The base on which the Tower stands is approximately 8 feet high, with a width of approximately 12 feet and a length of approximately 25 feet. At the apex of the Tower there is a domed beacon light decorated with crenellated stonework and small window openings encircling its base. The beacon light once illuminated the surrounding area at night and could be seen from Highway No. 7.

An inscription on the fieldstone at the base of the Tower (on its west side) indicates the Tower was unveiled by His Honour Colonel Harry Cockshutt, Lieutenant-Governor of the Province of Ontario, on November 16, 1924.

ANY PERSON MAY, within thirty days of the 6th day of December, 1995, being the first publication of this Notice, send by registered mail or deliver to the Clerk of the City of Vaughan, notice of his or her objection to the proposed designation with a statement of the reasons for the objection and all relevant facts. If such Notice of Objection is received, the Council of the Corporation of the City of Vaughan shall refer the matter to the Conservation Review Board for a hearing.

DATED at the City of Vaughan this 6th day of December, 1995.

J.D. Leach, City Clerk

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