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**Subject: Notice of Intention to Designate
Hiriam Smith Farmhouse – 457 Smith Lane, Oakville, Ontario**

Attached please find the Notice of Intention to designate the above-mentioned property which is served upon you in accordance with section 29(3) of the *Ontario Heritage Act*, R.S.O. 1990, c.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 **November 10, 2014**.

Sincerely,

Francesca Piazza
Legislative Coordinator

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c.c. V. Tytaneck, Town Clerk
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NOTICE OF INTENTION TO DESIGNATE

On October 6, 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:

Hiriam Smith Farmhouse
457 Smith Lane, Oakville, Ontario

Description of Property

The Hiram Smith Farmhouse is located on the east side of Smith Lane. This 1-1/2 storey painted brick farmhouse is surrounded by a 1960s residential subdivision. The farmhouse faces south, which is now the side yard of the property. Despite several modern additions, the historic portions of the farmhouse are clearly visible.

Statement of Cultural Heritage Value or Interest

The Hiram Smith Farmhouse has physical value as a representative example of a mid-19th century Ontario Gothic farmhouse. The original 1-1/2 storey portion of the house likely dates to circa 1860 and was constructed with handmade local brick. The one storey rear addition was built circa 1890 and also contributes to the physical value of the farmhouse.

The Hiram Smith Farmhouse has historic value through its associations with the Smith family of Trafalgar Township. The first owner of the property, Hiram Smith, was a militia volunteer for a Loyalist troop during the Rebellion of 1837. Smith served as Captain and had the command of the Oakville and Wellington Square companies. Hiram Smith purchased the subject property shortly after his return home and constructed a 1-1/2 storey house circa 1860. The Smith family owned and farmed the property for over 100 years. The property was noted for its extensive orchards, a common historic land use in Oakville and surrounding areas in the late 19th and early 20th century.

The Hiram Smith Farmhouse also has contextual value because it is historically, physically, visually, and historically linked to its immediate setting. While the context of the property has changed since its construction in the 1860s from farmland to mid-century residential subdivision, the property has always been a landmark in the neighbourhood, influencing the surrounding subdivision design to maintain the house and even naming the street after the first owners. The original orientation of the house has been maintained, even though what was once the front entrance to the house is now oriented to the side yard of the property. The Hiram Smith Farmhouse is a landmark in the neighbourhood due to its historic presence, orientation to the street and architectural differences between it and the surrounding residences.

Any objection to this designation must be filed no later than November 10, 2014. Objections should be directed to the Town Clerk, 1225 Trafalgar Road, Oakville, Ontario L6H 0H3.

Any inquiries may be directed to Susan Schappert heritage planner at 905-845-6601, ext. 3870 (TTY 905-338-4200), or by email at susan.schappert@oakville.ca.

The last date to file a notice of objection is November 10, 2014.