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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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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 known as the Robert Currie Farm, located at 2591 Bovaird Drive West 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 2591 Bovaird Drive West (the Robert Currie Farm) 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. 1990, Chapter O. 18.

DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY

The property at 2591 Bovaird Drive West (the Robert Currie Farm) is located on the south side of Bovaird Drive West and west of Heritage Road. The 15.73 acre lot currently contains a farmhouse, large barn, silo, and several ancillary structures. The landscape is characterized by mature vegetation, including a large pine tree at the front façade, and agricultural lands to the rear of the house. The property is surrounded by agricultural fields to the south and east, institutional use to the north and a wilderness centre and agricultural uses to the west.

SHORT STATEMENT OF THE REASON FOR THE DESIGNATION

The property at 2591 Bovaird Drive West 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 Robert Currie farmhouse exhibits influence from the Gothic Revival style. Gothic Revival architecture grew out of 18th century Britain, where Romanticism and renewed interest in the medieval age spurred the resurgence of Gothic styles. Gothic Revival architecture arrived in Canada in early 19th century, and became one of the most popular styles throughout the late 19th and early 20th centuries. Characterized by picturesque, asymmetrical massing and plans, Gothic Revival residences typically featured steeply pitched roofs, front facing gables, decorative bargeboard and other delicate wooden ornaments, pointed arched windows, and decorative crowns over windows and doors.

The residence at 2591 Bovaird Drive West is a well-preserved example of evolving vernacular architecture from the late 19th century. It features an asymmetrical front façade, multiple gables, bay window, painted voussoirs, gabled lancet window, 2-over-2 sash windows, front door with square transom window and sidelights, portico with columns and brackets, gable fretwork, and two tall chimneys.

The house also has several rear additions. The 1½ storey tail exhibits the Ontario Gothic Cottage style, and may actually pre-date the main residence. The tail itself has a rear addition and a lean-to on either side.

Historical/Associative Value:

The cultural heritage value also lies in its association with the Currie (sometimes spelled 'Curry') family and McClure family, two prominent settler families in Brampton. James Currie was born in Donegal, Ireland and immigrated to Canada in 1816. He married Ann Morrow and settled on Lot 10, Concession 6, Chinguacousy Township, where he built a homestead and mill. Their children included James Currie and Samuel D. Currie. The east half of the lot was sold to Samuel Currie in December 1850. The 1861 Census Return located Samuel Currie and his family on the property. Tremaine's 1859 map also notes Samuel Currie as the owner although no buildings are depicted on the property.

Samuel and Ann Currie sold 100 acres of the east half of Lot 10 to their son Robert Currie in 1876. Pope's Atlas of 1877 depicts a building and orchard in the approximate location of the present brick farmhouse. James Currie et. al. received the east half of the lot under Robert Currie's will in 1882. He sold the property to Peter H. Laird in 1884. Laird sold the property to Andrew McClure in 1887. The 1891 and 1901 Census Returns indicate that Andrew and Ann McClure and family lived in the brick house on the property. They sold all 100 acres to Louis Hamilton Laird in 1904.

Members of the Currie family are associated with several heritage resources in Chinguacousy Township. James A. Currie was considered a respected community member as he served time as both a Magistrate for the County of Peel and was a Captain of the Norval Volunteer Company. He is associated with the property at 10315 Winston Churchill Boulevard. Samuel Currie is associated with 10294 Heritage Road, while D. Currie is associated with 9715 Winston Churchill Boulevard. The family burial ground is the Norval Cemetery.

The McClure family was also one of the most prominent and longstanding families in Chinguacousy Township. There are five other heritage resources in the area related to the McClures in various locations along Creditview Road, Heritage Road, Chinguacousy Road, and Mississauga Road. The first member of the McClure family to settle in Brampton was John McClure, who purchased a farm on Lot 11, Concession 4 in 1829.

Contextual Value:

The property also holds contextual value as it maintains, supports and defines the history of the Chinguacousy Township. The preserved farmhouse and agricultural landscape serve as physical

links between the past and the present. Through its continued preservation within the community, it will continue to act as a reminder of early settlers that have shaped Brampton's history for over a century.

The farmhouse is also directly associated with Brampton's rich agricultural history. Chinguacousy Township was considered a first-class agricultural township since farms were usually in a high state of cultivation. In the late 19th century, the township experienced an economic boom. The shift from log to brick farmhouses represented the agricultural prosperity that prevailed in Brampton. As a masonry farmhouse constructed in the late 19th century, Robert Currie Farm exemplifies an important phase in the growth of Brampton.

The Robert Currie Farm, which is a significant heritage property on the City of Brampton Inventory is a well-preserved example of a late nineteenth century southern Ontario farm. The red brick farm house and ancillary wood frame structures, including a large gabled barn, were once a typical farm layout in the region during that time. The barn is similar to a type built between 1850 and 1880. The farm landscape is representative of this period.

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:

- Gothic Revival design influences
- Red masonry construction
- Side gable roof with two front gables
- Gable fretwork
- 2-over-2 sash windows
- Pointed arch window in front facing facade
- Bay window with eave brackets
- Portico with columns, decorative wood carvings, and eave brackets
- Front entrance with transom and sidelights
- Asymmetrical front facade
- Arched voussoirs
- Stone sills
- Agricultural landscape including mature vegetation, a barn, silo and outbuilding
- Associated with the Currie family
- Associated with the McClure family
- Associated with the rich agricultural and settlement history of the Chinguacousy Township

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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