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VIA REGULAR MAIL

Ontario Heritage Trust
10 Adelaide Street East
Toronto, ON M5C 1J3

Subject: Notice of Intention to Designate
1028 Lakeshore Road East, 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 for the Town of Oakville at 1225 Trafalgar Road, Oakville, Ontario L6H 0H3, no later than **October 24, 2016**.

Sincerely,

Francesca Piazza
Legislative Coordinator

Encls.

cc: Vicki Tytaneck Town Clerk
Mark H. Simeoni, Director of Planning Services
Nadia Chandra, Assistant Town Solicitor
Diane Childs, Manager, Policy Planning, Planning Services
S. Schappert, Heritage Planner

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NOTICE OF INTENTION TO DESIGNATE

On June 13, 2016, Oakville Town Council resolved to pass a Notice of Intention to Amend a Heritage Designation By-law for the following property under Section 30.1 of the *Ontario Heritage Act*, R.S.O. 1990, c. O.18, as amended, a property of cultural heritage value and interest:

Residence and Stone Wall
1028 Lakeshore Road East, Oakville, Ontario

Purpose and Effect of Proposed Amendment

The proposed amendment of By-law 1984-130 "A by-law to designate 1028 Lakeshore Road East as a property of historic and architectural value and interest" is to correct the legal description of the property and to clarify or correct the statement explaining the property's cultural heritage value or interest or the description of the property's heritage attributes, which are explained below.

Legal Description

In the Town of Oakville in the Regional Municipality of Halton, property description as follows:

Chestnut Grove

1028 Lakeshore Road East
Part of Lot 10, Concession 4 Trafalgar SDS, as in 397208, Oakville

Stone Wall

Part of Lakeshore Road East, being part of road allowance between Concessions 3 and 4 Trafalgar SDS, and part of 27' widening, Plan 717, designated as Parts 1, 2 and 3 on Plan 20R-20595, Oakville

Statement of Cultural Heritage Value or Interest

The subject property has cultural heritage value for c.1832 house, known as Chestnut Grove, one of the earliest remaining structures in Oakville. The 1832 portion of the house has architectural value as an example of Vernacular Loyalist architecture, low ceilings supported by hand hewn Ontario White Pine beams and exterior finish of horizontal wood siding that was covered in stucco for many years. Some of the early glass window panes remain and some window sash date from 1832.

The stone wall that runs along the northern border of the property is a rare surviving example of the historic stone walls that were once common along Lakeshore Road in Oakville.

The property at 1028 Lakeshore Road East has historic value through its associations with the early Loyalist settlers of Oakville, with Bartholomew Beardsley, a prominent lawyer, judge and politician in Upper Canada and with W. D. Gregory, also a lawyer and politician.

The dwelling was constructed in 1832 by George Griggs, a New Jersey Loyalist who came to Upper Canada in 1821, accompanied by his brother, Barnet Griggs, and their families. According to Provincial Assessment Records, in 1832 Griggs received a building permit to construct the house on his 50 acres of land, which he lived in with his family for 15 years.

Griggs sold the house to Bartholomew C. Beardsley in 1847. Beardsley, already an elderly man when he purchased the house, was a barrister who had emigrated from New York to Upper Canada in 1797, setting up practice in Niagara on the Lake. He served as a Member in the House of Assembly for Niagara District in 1824 and later as the Chief Judge of the Court of Common Pleas of New Brunswick in 1837.

Beardsley moved his law practice to Oakville in 1847 and died in 1855. He named the house 'Chestnut Grove' although locally it was known as 'Beardsley's Grove' and was the site of many large picnics. Beardsley's son, James, inherited the property and lived there until the 1880s. He sold off the eastern 26 acres of the property in 1866 and farmed the remaining 24 acres himself.

In the 1920s, the property was owned by W.D. Gregory. Gregory practiced law in Toronto, being a partner in Gregory, Gooderham, Campbell & Coleman and then Gregory and Gregory with his son Goldwin. Gregory was also very active politically, serving on Oakville Town Council for three years and was a Liberal candidate for Halton. Gregory's professional papers now reside in the Queen's University Archives, including his correspondence with notable politicians including Goldwin Smith, Mackenzie King and Henri Bourassa. During his ownership of the property, Mackenzie King visited and had his photo taken on the front steps (now rear steps) of the house.

The construction date of the stone wall is unknown but may have been constructed during the Beardsley's ownership of the property. Chestnut Grove is contextually associated with Lakeshore Road and is visually linked to the historic stone wall that borders the north edge of the property along Lakeshore Road East.

Description of Heritage Attributes

Key attributes of the property which embody the physical, historical and contextual significance of Chestnut Grove include all remaining historic elements on the 1832 portion of the house:

- Form and footprint of the original house;
- Windows and sash of the original house;
- Interior ceilings with white pine beams
- Central entrance on rear elevation
- Low pitch side gable roof

Key attributes of the property which embody the physical, historical and contextual significance of the stone wall bordering the Chestnut Grove northern property line include:

- Horizontal laid lake stone course
- Vertical soldier lake stone caps
- Concrete pillar cap

Any objection to this designation must be filed no later than October 24, 2016. 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 October 24, 2016.