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July 25, 2024

Via Registered Mail and Email

Courtney Kovacich
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10 Adelaide Street East
Toronto, Ontario M5C 1J3

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Dear Ms. Kovacich,

RE: Notice of Intention to Designate 8 Properties to be of Cultural Heritage Value or Interest in the Town of Aurora

Please find attached the Notices of Intention to Designate for each of the 8 properties that were resolved by the Council of the Town of Aurora on June 25, 2024, to become designated. These Notices include a statement explaining the Cultural Heritage Value or Interest and a description of the heritage attributes for each property.

The 8 properties are as follows with each Notice of Intention to Designate attached:

71 Connaught Avenue	15 Kennedy Street West	19 Kennedy Street West
29 Kennedy Street West	77 Spruce Street	80 Spruce Street
139 Temperance Street	59 Tyler Street	

The Town's Heritage Advisory Committee was also consulted, including through the meeting held on July 31, 2023. The Notices also outline the objection process, and pursuant to Section 29(3) of the *Ontario Heritage Act*, they will be published in a newspaper having general circulation in the municipality (The Auroran; August 1, 2024 edition) and will also be served to each property owner.

Yours sincerely,

Michael de Rond
Town Clerk

Attach.

c. Marco Ramunno, Director, Planning and Development Services
c. Adam Robb, Manager of Policy Planning and Heritage

**NOTICE OF INTENTION
TO DESIGNATE 29 KENNEDY STREET WEST**

TAKE NOTICE THAT the Council of The Corporation of the Town of Aurora intends to designate the following property as a property of Cultural Heritage Value or Interest pursuant to the provisions of Section 29 of the *Ontario Heritage Act*, R.S.O. 1990, c. O.18, as amended. A statement of reasons is included.

29 Kennedy Street West
The Fry-Smith House
Lt 45 Pl 246
Town of Aurora
PIN: 03659-0110

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Description of Property

The property known municipally as 29 Kennedy Street West is located on the south side of Kennedy Street West, west of Temperance Street, and east of George Street. The property includes a representative example of an Edwardian/ Foursquare dwelling constructed circa 1922.

Statement of Cultural Heritage Value or Interest

29 Kennedy Street West is of Cultural Heritage Value or Interest based on its design and physical value, historical and associative value, and contextual value.

Design and Physical Value:

The house is representative of a 2.5-storey red brick Edwardian Foursquare home. Edwardian features of the dwelling include a square massing, open gabled roof, front porch with posts, stone sills and lintels, and a unique octagonal first-storey window opening. The dwelling is a well-preserved example of the style that displays a high degree of craftsmanship for its period of construction.

Historical and Associative Value:

The home at 29 Kennedy Street West is located on property that the Crown gave to William Kennedy, an early settler. Kennedy Street now runs down the middle of his original farm lot. King City insurance dealer Charles Fry then bought a six-acre (about 2.4 hectare) plot of property in the early 1900s, which included the location of the current number 29 address, and planned to build what was coined as “modern residences” in the local press for the time. By 1927, Cyrus Dunham bought the property and rented it out. The property was then sold to Donald and Florence Smith in 1953. The Smiths owned and occupied the property for the longest period of time of any owner, being over 36 years. The building ultimately helps contribute to our understanding of the development of the Town post-Confederation and post World War I.

Contextual Value:

The house supports the character of the area and defines the streetscape with its charming Edwardian presence. Similar homes in the area are also of the Edwardian or Foursquare type. The building helps to define and maintain the style and streetscape, and supports the historic core of early Aurora as a highlight to the early growth context of the Town. The property helps tell the story of the evolution and growth of the Town for the area in and around Yonge Street as a major historic corridor.

Description of Heritage Attributes

The following provides a description of heritage attributes for the property which contribute to the reasons for which the property is of Cultural Heritage Value or Interest. Important to the preservation of the property are the original key attributes of the building that express its value, which include:

Exterior Elements

- Overall 2.5 storey brick Edwardian/ Foursquare scale and massing
- Open gable roof
- Front porch with posts
- stone sills and lintels
- Original window and door openings including the octagonal window

Notice of objection to this notice of intention to designate the property may be served on the Clerk of the Town of Aurora within 30 days after the date of publication of the notice of intention to designate in the local newspaper. This notice of objection must set out the reason for the objection and all relevant facts. If a notice of objection is received, the Council of the Town of Aurora shall consider the objection and make a decision whether to withdraw the notice of intention to designate the property or not.

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