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NOTICE OF INTENTION TO DESIGNATE

TAKE NOTICE that the Town of Caledon intends to designate the property at 18906 Main Street as being of cultural heritage value or interest under Section 29 of the *Ontario Heritage Act*, R.S.O. 1990, Chapter O.18.

DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY

The property is located on the west side of Main Street, north of Charleston Sideroad, being Part of lots 18 and 19, Concession 4 WHS, within the former geographic Township of Caledon.

STATEMENT OF CULTURAL HERITAGE VALUE OR INTEREST

The Dodswood Farm complex at 18906 Main Street has design and physical value for its rare examples of c.1920s Tudor Revival style dwellings and its representative early 20th century barn. Homes in the Tudor Revival style are uncommon in rural areas and more specifically in the Town of Caledon. This early 20th century style of architecture was more common in urban contexts and is indicative of the Dods family's connections to Toronto. Both the farmhouse and gatehouse display a high degree of integrity and feature several hallmarks of the Tudor Revival style, including asymmetrical proportions, steeply sloped roofs, decorative brick infilling, windows in multiple assemblies, and stucco inlays. The central portion of the main house also retains elements of its original c.1858 Georgian structure, including its rectangular form and underlying brick construction, and six over six pane sash windows; later Neoclassical features include a grand central covered porch and porte-cochère featuring a stone base and Ionic columns.

The property has historical and associative value due to its long-standing ownership by the Dod(d)s family, who were prominent early landowners in Caledon Township and industrialists in the nearby mill village of Alton. John M. Dods, grandson of patriarch William Dods who had emigrated to the area in the 1830s, was born on and lived at the property, and was, at one time, owner of two woolen mills in Alton. His brother, Andrew Dods, became a prolific businessman and lawyer in Toronto, and was responsible for the transformation of Dodswood Farm into a country estate in the 1920s. Amongst many achievements, Andrew was also notable as founder of the Union Stock Yards in Toronto.

The property has contextual value as it helps to define, maintain, and visually support the rural character of Caledon Township. It is visually and historically connected with other nearby historic farmsteads, and, through the Dods family, is also more broadly associated with the

evolution of the village of Alton. The property is a well-known historic landmark in Caledon, known since the mid 19th century as 'Dodswood Farm'.

DESCRIPTION OF HERITAGE ATTRIBUTES

Heritage attributes that convey the property's design value and physical value as a rare Tudor Revival Farm complex with Georgian and Neoclassical features that is historically associated with the Dods family:

Main House

- Overall two-storey scale and massing with multiple wings and extensions over time

Georgian Style Characteristics:

- Brick construction at the core of the house
- Symmetrical five-bay proportions of central façade and porch
- All components of 6 over 6 pane wood sash windows, including plain stone lug sills and lintels

Tudor Revival Characteristics:

- Stucco exterior, including quatrefoil stucco inlay design
- Decorative brick infilling
- Asymmetrical proportions
- Steeply pitched roofs
- Decorative stone base below box bay windows
- All components of the multiple window assemblies:
 - First storey rectangular box bay windows, including tri-segmented, multi-paned casement windows
 - First storey horizontally-oriented arched openings, tri-segmented with multi-paned casement windows, stone lintels and decorative brick voussoirs
 - Second storey rectangular openings. including casements, stone lintels, quoins

20th Century Neoclassical Style Characteristics:

- All elements of the front porch and porte-cochère, including the:
 - Symmetrical design
 - Extensive use of Ionic columns
 - Stone base and colonnade
 - All elements of the wood-framed latticed solarium on the north wing of house including arched, multi-paned windows

Gatehouse:

- Overall two-storey scale and massing

Tudor Revival Characteristics:

- Stucco exterior
- High-set stone base foundation
- Steeply pitched roofs
- Asymmetrical proportions
- Arched Tudor entrance
- Decorative brick infilling
- Multiple window assemblies
- All components of windows including the two bay windows, and rectangular vertically-oriented windows

Barn:

- Scale and massing of gambrel roofed barn
- L-plan barn set prominently in the landscape southwest of farmhouse
- Cross-gambrel roof
- Wood frame, possibly with original vertical wood siding overlaid with current metal panels
- Concrete foundation
- Separate gravel lane accessing concession road

Heritage attributes that convey the property's contextual value as a landmark important in defining, maintaining and supporting the character of the area, and linking it physically, visually and historically to its surroundings:

- Orientation of the main house and gate house facing the concession road (Main Street)
- Siting of main house on rise, well back from the concession road
- Curving cobblestone gates flanking entrance to laneway
- Tree-lined laneway

Attributes of the property that are not considered to be of cultural heritage value or interest, or are otherwise not included in the Statement of Significance:

- Two storey c.1961 rear addition to the north wing
- Outbuildings on the barn complex portion of the property
- Modern garage



RIGHT TO OBJECT

Any person may, within thirty days after publication of the notice in the *Caledon Citizen*, dated August 1, 2024, serve the Clerk notice of their objection to the proposed designation in accordance with the *Ontario Heritage Act*, setting out the reason for the objection and all relevant facts.

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