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**NOTICE OF INTENTION TO DESIGNATE UNDER THE
ONTARIO HERITAGE ACT**

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IN THE MATTER OF THE ONTARIO HERITAGE ACT AND IN THE MATTER OF the lands in the Town of Halton Hills known municipally as 10295 10 Side Road, legally described as "PT LT 11, CON 5 ESQ, AS IN 248579; HALTON HILLS/ESQUESING", Regional Municipality of Halton, and known as Stewart's Castle.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Town of Halton Hills intends to designate the property at 10295 10 Side Road under Section 29(1), Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act, R.S.O. 1990, Chapter O.18.

Statement of Cultural Heritage Value or Interest:

The property at 10295 10 Side Road is a representative example of Georgian architecture, characterized by its symmetry, classical proportions, graduated fenestration, and classical detailing. The two-storey Georgian farmhouse, constructed with locally sourced and fired redbrick, features a symmetrical front facade, a hallmark of the Georgian style. The graduated fenestration, limestone lintels and sills, and white wooden modillions under the eaves emphasize the classical detailing typical of Georgian architecture. The central doorway, flanked by sidelights and capped with a limestone lintel serves as the focal point of the front elevation, aligning with the second-floor window openings, reinforcing the symmetry and balance inherent to Georgian design. The residence on the subject property is an excellent rare surviving example of a rural Georgian home in Halton Hills.

The property at 10295 10 Side Road holds historical and associative value due to its multi-generational connection with the Stewart family, prominent figures in the early settlement of the Scotch Block in Esquesing Township. James Stewart, a Scottish immigrant who contributed to the establishment of Scotch Block as a community for Scottish settlers, acquired the property in 1844. The Stewart family was responsible for contributing to the areas social, agricultural, and economic development, using the property to establish a sawmill and several farmsteads.

The property was later owned by several of Stewart's descendants, who became prominent figures in Scotch Block. Subsequent owners, such as the Huffman, Seynuck, and Howitt families, further contribute to the property's historical significance. While living in Scotch Block, Gideon Huffman was an active member of the Boston Presbyterian Church, and an outspoken Liberal. Tony Seynuck successfully established Anthony Gas and Oil Exportations Limited, extracting and selling gas throughout Southern Ontario through the 1950s and 1960s, contributing to the Region's industrial growth in the mid-twentieth century. Richard Howitt was involved in local politics serving

as a Halton Regional Councillor, while also acting as a member of the Halton Conservation Authority, and a trustee of the Halton Regional Board of Education. The property's association with the Stewart family and its role in the broader narrative of the Scotch Block's development solidify its historical and associative value. The dwelling on the subject property is one of the oldest extant residential buildings in the Town.

The property at 10295 10 Side Road holds significant contextual value as it serves to define and maintain the early nineteenth century agricultural character of Scotch Block. The Georgian farmhouse, set within a pastoral landscape, visually anchors the historical rural identity of Scotch Block and the surrounding community, reflecting the agricultural roots that have shaped the local community for generations. The farmhouse's traditional design and construction methods embody the area's historical development, serving as a tangible link to early settlers who established the Scotch Block. Having remained in its original location for over 170 years, the property remains physically and visually connected to its surroundings. The property has not been identified as a landmark.

The heritage attributes of the property at 10295 10 Side Road are identified as follows:

- The location, setting, and agricultural context of the property at 10295 10 Side Road in the Town of Halton Hills;
- The scale, form, and massing of the two-storey Georgian farmhouse, including its symmetrical front elevation;
- The materials used in the construction, including locally sourced and fired redbrick, and limestone;
- The front (southeast) elevation, including:
 - The symmetrical design divided into five bays with graduated fenestration, including two rectangular window openings on either side of the central entrance and five vertically aligned rectangular window openings on the second storey;
 - Limestone windowsills and lintels;
 - Central entrance set within a flatheaded opening, flanked by sidelights and capped with a limestone lintel;
 - Hipped roof with wooden modillions along the cornice;
 - Symmetrically placed chimneys flanking the front elevation;
- The side (southwest) elevation, including:
 - Rectangular double-hung sash windows with limestone sills and lintels, symmetrically placed on either side of the centrally located chimney on the right wing; and,
 - Wooden modillions along the cornice.



The rear elevation, and side (northeast) elevation, and interiors have not been identified as heritage attributes of the property as part of this report.

Further information respecting the Statement of Cultural Heritage Value or Interest and proposed designation of 10295 10 Side Road (refer to Report PD-2024-072) is available by contacting Laura Loney, Manager of Heritage Planning for the Town of Halton Hills at 905-873-2600 x 2358 or by email at lloney@haltonhills.ca.

Any person may, by January 12, 2025 (within 30 days after the date of the publication of this notice) serve written notice of objection to the proposed designation with Laura Loney together with a statement for the objection and all relevant facts.

Dated at the Town of Halton Hills this 13th day of December 2024.

Laura Loney, Manager of Heritage Planning, Planning and Development, The Corporation of the Town of Halton Hills, 1 Halton Hills Drive, Halton Hills, ON L7G 5G2.

