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NOTICE OF INTENTION TO DESIGNATE

TAKE NOTICE that the Town of Caledon intends to designate the property at 12909 Kennedy Road 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 southeast corner of Kennedy Road and Old School Road, being within the west half of Lot 22, Concession 2 East of Hurontario Street, geographic Township of Chinguacousy.

STATEMENT OF CULTURAL HERITAGE VALUE OR INTEREST

The design and physical value of the property at 12909 Kennedy Road relates to its late 19th century stone farmhouse. Built c.1877-1886 for William and Margaret Snell, the one-and-a-half-storey dwelling with front centre gable is a representative example of the Ontario Cottage style. Constructed of rubble stone masonry, the dwelling was embellished with ribbon pointing, applied on the front and side facades to create the appearance of cut stone, and large stone quoining on all corners. The stones used on the front façade are notably smaller than those on the side facades, creating a visually striking contrast. Typical of the Ontario Cottage style, the farmhouse displays both Gothic Revival and Neoclassical style characteristics with unusually ornate detailing for a rural dwelling. In particular, the cut limestone features above the windows and door display a high degree of craftsmanship, suggesting the house was constructed by a skilled mason or team of masons.

The historical or associative value of 12909 Kennedy Road is found in its direct association with the Snell family and longevity of occupancy/ownership by the Russell family for over a century. The Snells were among the earliest settlers in Chinguacousy Township and the home is indicative of their prosperity in the region.

The property holds contextual value for its role in defining, maintaining and supporting the rural agricultural character of this area. Set back from the road on a shallow rise, the farmhouse and its related mature vegetation remain part of the surrounding rural agricultural landscape. The property is physically, visually, and historically linked to the adjacent Dixon's Union Church and Cemetery and other nearby farmhouses at 4 Robert Wilson Street, which features similar stone masonry, and 12891 Hurontario Street.

DESCRIPTION OF HERITAGE ATTRIBUTES

Heritage attributes that convey the property's design value and physical value as a representative example of an Ontario Cottage style farmhouse:

- Rectangular form and one-and-a-half storey massing of the main dwelling
- Gable roof form with centre gable on the front façade of the main dwelling
- Rubble stone masonry of varied stone sizes of the main dwelling
 - Smaller stones and narrower courses on front façade
 - Larger stones and wider courses on side facades
 - Random rubble stone on rear facade
- Ribbon pointing on the front and side façades of the main dwelling
- Rubble stone foundation of main dwelling
- Elements of the Neoclassical Style:
 - Three-bay front façade of main dwelling with centre entrance flanked by rectangular window openings with segmental arches
 - Balanced proportions and fenestration throughout the main dwelling
 - Rough-cut stone quoining on the front and rear façades, all windows, and front entrance of the main dwelling
 - All components of the front entrance, including the original wood four-panel front door with symmetrical rounded arch mouldings on the upper panels, segmental arch transom light, and cut limestone archway with keystone
 - All components of the windows, including the cut limestone arches with keystones, stone lug sills, and two-over-two pane wood sash frames with segmental arches
- Elements of the Gothic Revival Style:
 - Double lancet window in the front centre gable
 - Trefoil-shaped wood tracery in the lancet window
 - Cut limestone archway capping the lancet window

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

- Scale and massing as a one-and-a-half storey Ontario Cottage style farmhouse
- Setback from and orientation to Kennedy Road
- Relationship to adjacent Dixon Union's church and cemetery, which was severed from the original farm property
- Mature trees between the farmhouse and Kennedy Road

Attributes of the property that are not considered to be of cultural heritage value, or are otherwise not included in the Statement of Cultural Heritage Value or Interest:

- Modern chimney on the north side façade of the main dwelling



- One storey frame rear addition to the main dwelling
- Timber frame barns with stone foundations
- Metal-clad late 20th century barns and associated outbuildings

RIGHT TO OBJECT

Any person may, within thirty days after publication of the notice on the Town of Caledon's website on September 29, 2025, 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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