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October 29, 2025

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Subject: Notice of Intention to Designate 895 Wonder Drive, Pickering

Enclosed for your information is notice of the Council of The Corporation of the City of Pickering's intention to designate the property identified above pursuant to Section 29(3) of the *Ontario Heritage Act*, R.S.O. 1990, c. O.18 and the reasons for designation.

Any person may, within 30 days of the publication of this Notice, send to the City Clerk, by email to [clerks@pickering.ca](mailto:clerks@pickering.ca), a notice of their objection to the proposed designation, together with a statement of reasons for the objection and all relevant facts.

Additional information, including a full description of the reasons for designation is available upon request from Matthew Somerville, Senior Planner, Heritage, Planning, City Development Department at 905.420.4660, extension 1147, or at [msomerville@pickering.ca](mailto:msomerville@pickering.ca) during regular business hours.

Yours truly,



Susan Cassel  
City Clerk

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Copy: Director, City Development & CBO  
Division Head, Development Review & Urban Design  
Senior Planner, Heritage

**Notice of Intent to Designate Property  
of Cultural Heritage Value or Interest**

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**Take Notice** that the Council of the City of Pickering intends to designate the following property as a property of cultural heritage value or interest under *Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act, R.S.O. 1990, c. O.18*:

**895 Wonder Drive (formerly 815 Highway 7)  
Part of Block 4, Plan 40M-2770, being Part 1, Plan 40R-32906,  
Pickering, Ontario**

**Description of Property**

895 Wonder Drive (formerly 815 Highway 7) is a one-and-a-half storey Ontario Cottage built c. 1853. The brick building was originally located on the south side of Highway 7, west of Whites Road, in 2024, the building was moved approximately 150 metres west to its current location.

**Reason for Designation**

The mid-nineteenth century farmstead, known as the Percy House, possesses design or physical value for the built heritage resource displaying a high degree of craftsmanship located on the property. The one-and-a-half storey brick residence constructed c. 1853 demonstrates representative elements of an Ontario Cottage with Neo-Classical and Georgian influences. These representative elements include the rectangular plan and symmetrical three-bay façade, side gable roof, entrance details including a wood surround with transom and sidelights, and multipaned windows. The residence reflects a unique vernacular interpretation of the style, characterized by its elaborate dichromatic brickwork, including the decorative stringcourse, quoins, and jack arches.

Through its function as a farm since 1853, the Percy House is directly associated with the agricultural development of the former Ontario Township and City of Pickering. This theme is significant as it historically contributed to the community's early economic growth and continues to be practiced today.

**Summary of Attributes for Designation**

The heritage attributes that contribute to the cultural heritage value or interest of 895 Wonder Drive (formerly 815 Highway 7) include:

Residence Exterior

- One-and-a-half storey massing built to a rectangular plan;
- Red brick construction using the Flemish bond, dichromatic brickwork including quoins and decorative brickwork under the moulded cornice;

- Granite and fieldstone foundation;
- Symmetrical three-bay façade and symmetrical two-bay side elevations;
- Side gable roof with return eaves and extant moulded cornice;
- Paired interior end chimneys;
- Centrally placed entrance with side lights, transom and wood surround with classical detailing;
- Rectangular window openings with six-over-six double-hung sash windows, radiating brick voussoirs and wood sills;

#### Residence Interior

- Extant original layout;
- Fireplace mantle;
- Floor boards;
- Tall baseboards;
- Window and door surrounds;
- Balustrade and knob capped newel post;
- Stone fireplace collar embedded in second floor bedroom (southwest room); and,
- Built-in corner cupboard in parlour on main floor.

#### **Notice of Objection**

Any person may submit a Notice of Objection together with a statement of reasons for the objection and all relevant facts within 30 days of the publication of this Notice. A Notice of Objection can be submitted to the City Clerk by email to [clerks@pickering.ca](mailto:clerks@pickering.ca) or delivered to the Clerk's Office located at the Pickering Civic Complex, One The Esplanade, Pickering, ON from Monday to Friday, 8:30 am to 4:30 pm.

#### **Additional Information**

A copy of the Designation Report is available on the City's website ([PLN 21-25](#)) or at the Clerk's Office located at the Pickering Civic Complex, One The Esplanade, Pickering, ON from Monday to Friday, 8:30 am to 4:30 pm.

**Further information regarding this matter may be obtained by contacting the City of Pickering, City Development Department at 905.420.4617 or toll free at 1.866.683.2760.**

Dated at the City of Pickering this 29<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2025.

Susan Cassel, City Clerk  
City of Pickering  
One The Esplanade  
Pickering, ON L1V 6K7