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# NOTICE OF INTENTION TO DESIGNATE AS A HERITAGE PROPERTY

**Take notice that the Council of The Corporation of the Town of Whitby intends to designate the property described below, as a property of cultural heritage value or interest under Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act, R.S.O. 1990.**

## **725 Columbus Road West**

Is generally located at the southwest quadrant of Columbus Road West and Cochrane Street, near the village of Brooklin.

Refer to attached General Location Sketch.

## **Reason for Designation**

The property meets two or more of the criteria for determining that it is of cultural heritage value or interest under Ontario Regulation 9/06. Council has authorized proceeding with the process to designate the property under Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act.

## **Statement of Cultural Heritage Value and Interest**

The property has design or physical value because it is a representative example of a mid-nineteenth century Southern Ontario farm complex, as expressed through its collection of buildings and landscape features. Its components include a c. 1862-69 farmhouse, a c. 1880s bank barn, silo, entrance drive, creek, and agricultural fields. The organization of the site with the farmhouse set far back from, and oriented to face the concession road and accessed via a long entrance drive that continues to the barn and silo located behind the house is representative of the site layout and arrangement of buildings and functional work areas that would have been typical on nineteenth century farm complexes.

The property has contextual value because it maintains and supports the historical agricultural character of the area. The property retains its agricultural lands, barn, silo, and farmhouse; and it is currently actively used as a farm. The location and setback of the residence and barns on the subject property retain legibility and visibility from the public road right-of-way as a typical nineteenth-century farmstead.

## **Description of Heritage Attributes**

Heritage attributes related to its agricultural property as a nineteenth-century farm complex are comprised of:

The cottage/farmhouse constructed c. 1862-69

- The location, orientation and massing of the farmhouse
- The fieldstone foundation
- The two-over-two wooden sash windows

- The side gable roof
- The centre gable with flat-headed window

The c. 1880's wooden bank barn

- The location, orientation and massing of the barn
- The fieldstone foundation
- The gable roof
- The earthen ramp

Landscape elements

- The nineteenth century agricultural character of the property as defined by the c. 1862-69 Gothic Revival cottage/farmhouse, the c.1880's barn and paddock, the concrete silo, the long entrance drive connecting the property to Columbus Road West, the creek flowing through the property, the mature tree line windbreaks located to the north of the house and along the creek, and the agricultural fields.

Further information regarding the proposed heritage designation of 725 Columbus Road West can be obtained by contacting the Heritage Division of the Town of Whitby Planning and Development Department during regular business hours between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. from Monday to Friday, 905.430.4306, [heritage@whitby.ca](mailto:heritage@whitby.ca)

## **Objection**

A person who objects to the proposed designation shall, within thirty (30) days after the date of publication of the Notice of the Intention to Designate, serve on the Clerk of the Town of Whitby, a Notice of Objection setting out the reason(s) for the Objection and all relevant facts per Section 29 (5) of the Ontario Heritage Act. Such Objection shall be received no later than 4:30 p.m. on December 10, 2025. If such Notice of Objection is received, the matter will be referred to Council for consideration.

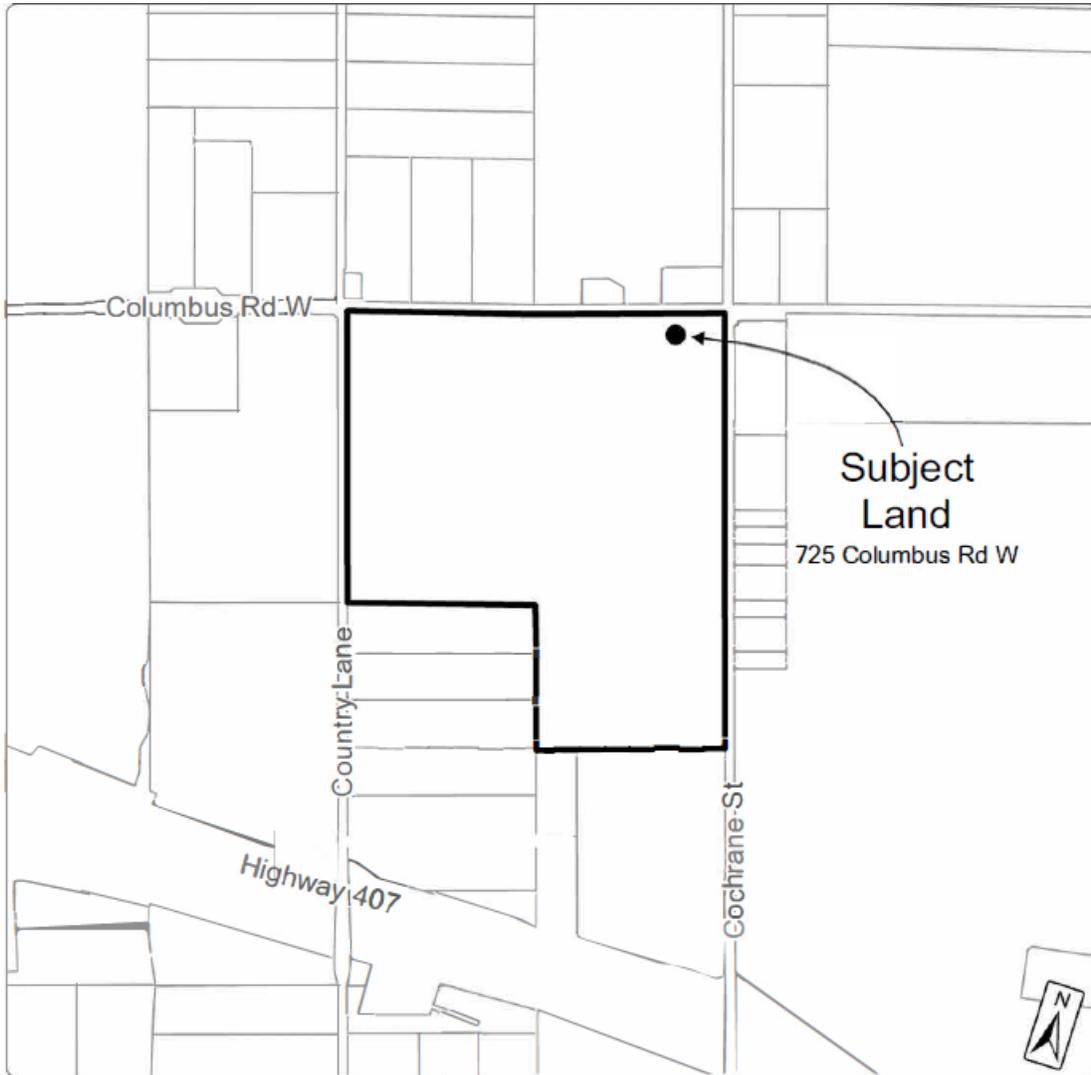
Dated at the Town of Whitby this 11<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2025.

**Christopher Harris | Town Clerk | Town of Whitby**  
T: 905.430.4300 | E: [clerk@whitby.ca](mailto:clerk@whitby.ca)

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General Location Sketch:

725 Columbus Road West



 <b>Town of Whitby Planning and Development Department</b>	
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