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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.**

## **835 Columbus Road West**

Generally located on the south side of Columbus Road West, east of Country Lane, 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 the Ontario Heritage Act and associated 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 the one and-a-half-storey brick red brick farmhouse is representative of the Classical Revival style. The farmhouse was built with a fieldstone foundation and a one-storey tail that has representative elements of the Classical Revival style. Likely constructed in the early 1850s, the house is a vernacular interpretation of the style, as expressed through its massing, and its features including a centre hall plan with a symmetrical three-bay façade, large window openings and classical details including overhanging returned eaves, wide cornice, and a front entrance with side lights and a wide transom. Fenestration is topped with flat brick arches. The property as a whole was 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 the farmhouse and the organization of the farmhouse set far back from, and oriented to face the concession road and accessed via a long tree-lined entrance drive.

The property has historical and associative value because of its association with the Campbell pioneer family and with the significant themes of early community development in and around Brooklin, and agricultural land use and development. The property was owned from 1846 to 1870 by John Campbell, who moved to Whitby Township in the 1830s. He established himself as a community leader, building an early mill and store in Winchester (later renamed Brooklin) with his brother Robert and helping to lay out the village. While it does not appear that John Campbell ever lived on the property, his son Hiram Campbell moved onto the property likely by the early

1850s. The 1851 census indicates that prior to becoming a farmer, Hiram Campbell was a blacksmith who owned a blacksmith shop and a wagon shop, likely in Brooklin. As a blacksmith, Campbell was likely an important and well-known member of the community. Hiram Campbell lived and farmed successfully on the property with his family until 1870. The residence on the property was likely built by Hiram Campbell in the early 1850s. Historical documentation indicates that Hiram Campbell had a large farm operation with a high valuation. The property continued to be noted as a valuable farm under its subsequent ownership by the Green family. In the 1920s it became known as Greendale Farm and continued to be farmed by subsequent owners. The property's continuous and ongoing use as a farm starting in the mid-nineteenth century strengthens its associations with the theme of agricultural land use and development.

The property has contextual value which lies in its significant historical links to the village of Brooklin. Both John and his son Hiram Campbell would have been well-known members of the Brooklin community, as a founder of the village and a blacksmith, respectively. The successful farm operated on the subject property from the early 1850s into the twentieth century would have had a physical, social, economic and functional relationship to Brooklin as part of Brooklin's agricultural neighbourhood. The property has contextual value because it maintains and supports the historical agricultural character of the area.

## **Description of Heritage Attributes**

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

- The 1850s farmhouse
- The location, orientation and massing of the farmhouse
- The fieldstone foundation
- The side gable roof
- The overhanging returned eaves and wide cornice
- The window openings with flat brick arches
- The classical front entrance with side lights and wide transom
- Two internal brick chimneys

Further information regarding the proposed heritage designation of the 835 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.

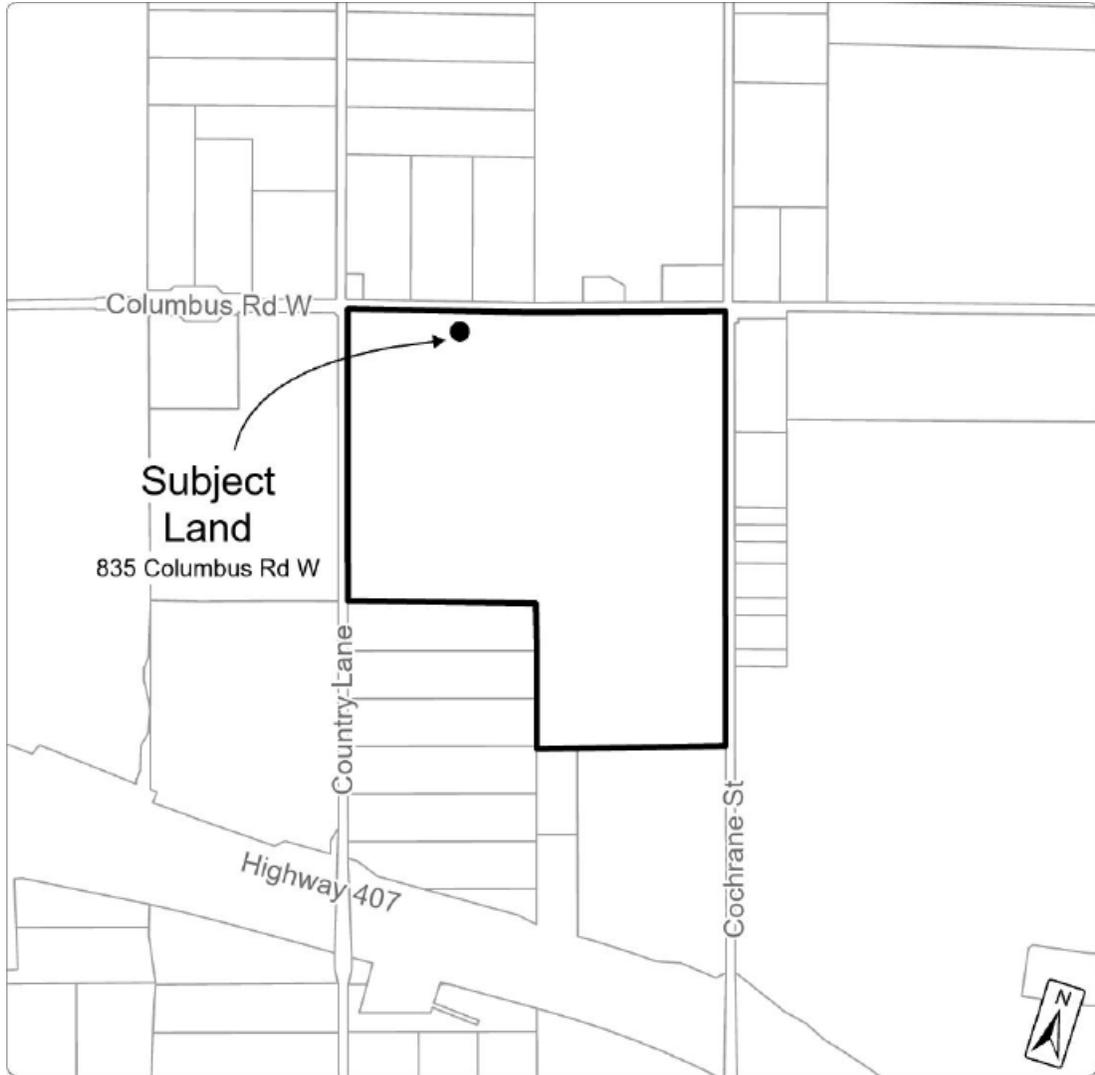
**Christopher Harris | Town Clerk | Town of Whitby**

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General Location Sketch:

835 Columbus Road West



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