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IN THE MATTER OF THE ONTARIO HERITAGE ACT,
1974, S. O. Chapter 122

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AND IN THE MATTER OF THE LANDS AND PREMISES
KNOWN MUNICIPALLY AS 190 Governor's Road
"Orchard Hill" IN THE TOWN OF DUNDAS IN THE
PROVINCE OF ONTARIO

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO DESIGNATE

To: Ontario Heritage Foundation
77 Grenville Street
Queen's Park
Toronto, Ontario
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TAKE NOTICE that the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Dundas intends to designate the property, including lands and buildings, known municipally as 190 Governor's Road "Orchard Hill" as a property of architectural and/or historical value or interest under Part IV of The Ontario Heritage Act, 1974, S. O. Chapter 122.

REASONS FOR THE PROPOSED DESIGNATION

Historical Significance

Orchard Hill is first associated with Rev. William McMurray and his wife, Jane Johnston, who came to Dundas in 1838 to serve the anglican parishes of St. James and St. John's, Ancaster. William McMurray had spent the previous five years in Sault Ste. Marie where he had served as an anglican missionary for the Upper Lakes Country and where he had met and married Charlotte Johnston, the European-educated daughter of John Johnston, trader and Susan Waubojeeg, the daughter of an Objibwa Chief. It is believed that Orchard Hill was erected some time not long after the McMurray's arrival in Dundas. During the next nineteen years from 1838-1857, a period of significant growth and development for the communities of Dundas and Ancaster, Rev. McMurray was an important local figure and religious leader. Among the McMurray's guests in Dundas was Charlotte's sister, Jane Schoolcraft, wife of Henry Schoolcraft, who is considered the foremost authority of his time, and one of the leading authorities ever, on North American Indians.


Orchard Hill later was occupied by Alexander Richard Wardell, lawyer and mayor of Dundas from 1868-1871 and again in 1879. In 1920 the dwelling became the family home of Fred Warren, architect and MPP in the 1940's, who returned the deteriorated house to its original grandeur.

Architectural Significance

190 Governor's Road is a gracious, two-storey, brick Georgian mansion that is attractively situated on a small rise of land. Both the centre-hall plan and symmetrical window placement are characteristic of the Georgian style. Of particular architectural interest are the vernacular, Palladian window above the entrance, the horizontal proportions of the facade, and the relatively low central gable, indicative of its early date. The interior continues the same gracious proportions and high quality of craftsmanship that the exterior displays. Located between Ballindalloch and Foxbar, Orchard Hill serves to co-ordinate the three estates into an historic complex that is of provincial significance.

Any person may, before the 6th day of December, 1978 send by registered mail or deliver to the Clerk of the Town of Dundas notice of his or her objection to the proposed designation, together with a statement of the reasons for the objection and all relevant facts. When a Notice of Objection has been received, the Council of the Town of Dundas will refer the matter to the Conservation Review Board for a hearing and report.

Dated at Town of Dundas
this 15th day of November, 1978.


L. J. Mikulich, A.M.C.T., C.M.C.
Town Clerk Administrator

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