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ONTARIO HERITAGE TRUST

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IN THE MATTER OF THE *ONTARIO HERITAGE ACT*, R.S.O. 1990
CHAPTER 0.18

AND IN THE MATTER OF THE LAND AND PREMISES
IN THE TOWN OF RICHMOND HILL, IN THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO
HEREINAFTER DESCRIBED

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO DESIGNATE

ITEM 1

TAKE NOTICE THAT the Council of The Corporation of the Town of Richmond Hill intends to designate the below-noted property, including land and building, as a property of cultural heritage value or interest under Part IV, section 29 of the *Ontario Heritage Act*, R.S.O. 1990, Chapter 0.18, as amended.

(The Drynoch Estate)

Property Description: Block 31, Plan 65M-3824, Except Part 1 on 65R36087,
Town of Richmond Hill, Regional Municipality of York
(PIN 03207-4885 (LT))

Municipal Address: 16 Macleod Estate Court, Town of Richmond Hill

Town File No.: D12-07230

Statement of Cultural Heritage Value or Interest

The subject property located at 16 Macleod Estate Court is recommended for designation under Part IV of the *Ontario Heritage Act* for its design and associative historical value. This one-and-a-half storey residence is located on the west side of Yonge Street, south east of Philips Lake. The original house is framed by later additions which have preserved the original house and made it the centerpiece of the complex which includes the manor house and the nearby tree-lined former carriageway located at 0 Silver Maple Road, 0 Sherrick Drive, 0 Windrow Street and 0 Yonge Street.

This rare example of a mid-19th century manor house in Richmond Hill is an eclectic design that has classical revival elements dominating the overall style of the house. Originally, an extensive verandah, (since removed) along with French Doors (since converted to windows) originally gave the house a strong sense of Regency Style. The Gothic Revival details present in the house include the drip moulds over the second storey windows of the front facing verandah and portico has lessened the degree of both the Gothic Revival and Regency character of the design. Drynoch is a one-and-a-half storey brick dwelling with a shallow front facing U-shaped plan. There is a two-storey brick addition to the rear of the east sidewall, with a single-storey brick and frame sunroom on the east end of the addition. A two-storey brick wing has been added to the north wall of the first addition. Another more recent two-storey wing has been added to the rear of the west sidewall of the main house designed by B. Napier Simpson Jr. (1925-1978) who was a prominent and celebrated Ontario heritage architect.

The property contains significant historical and associative value. In 1845, the 300 acre parcel was purchased by Captain Martin Donald Macleod, a retired British army officer and recent immigrant from Scotland. Captain Macleod purchased the property from Count René Augustin de Chalus who was directly affiliated with the early French aristocratic de Puisaye settlement of Windham. The Macleods built their estate house overlooking the shores of Lake Philips and next to an ancient black walnut tree. They named the estate "Drynoch" after their ancestral home located on the Isle of Skye. It is believed that the architect John Edey designed the structure as he was practicing in Thornhill during this time period and designs in the Markham Museum closely resemble that of Drynoch. Four acres of the 300 acre parcel was donated to the Anglican clergy for the establishment of St. John's Anglican Church, which was constructed in 1849. The nearby town owned tree-lined carriageway (0 Silver Maple Road, 0 Shirrick Drive, 0 Windrow Street and 0 Yonge Street) runs from Yonge Street to the Drynoch Estate and was constructed in 1848 and is another impressive feature which is historically associated with the property. Drynoch has additional associative value as the former home of Captain Macleod's son James F. Macleod, an early Commissioner of the Northwest Mounted Police and founder of Forts Macleod, Walsh and Calgary, Alberta.

While the original farm parcel surrounding Drynoch has since urbanized, the grounds surrounding the house have remained intact. The adjacent tree-lined carriageway which originally provided access to Yonge Street remains intact and is a historically significant contextual feature. The subject property is closely association with the Oak Ridges Moraine environment with a unique location on the prow of a hill overlooking Philips Lake. Within the immediate vicinity of the Drynoch residence the landscape attributes include Philips Lake to the west and an ancient Black Walnut tree to the east of the house which predates the construction of the house. Another feature that makes this property contextually significant is its association with the St. John's Anglican Church, given Martin Macleod's involvement with its establishment and his interment in the adjoining cemetery.

Description of Heritage Attributes

Key exterior and interior attributes that contribute to the design value of 16 Macleod Estate Court (the Drynoch Estate) include the following:

- The classical picturesque composition of the main house c.1845 which includes Gothic, Regency and Tudor elements and utilizes a shallow front-facing U-shaped plan;
- The two-storey brick addition to the rear of the east side wall;
- The two-storey brick wing which was added to the north wall of the first addition (the northeast addition);
- The two-storey wing added to the rear of the west side wall of the main house, designed by B. Napier Simpson Jr;
- The walls of the original main house and east additions are constructed of dark red brick which is laid in a Flemish bond, while the other walls are laid in common bond;
- Minimal brick ornamentation on the main house includes: soldier cornice voussoirs over flat-headed window openings;
- The roof of the main house and first addition is a medium-pitched cross gable roof with a wide overhang and deep return eaves;
- A shallow wooden frieze is located below the eaves that includes a finely-proportioned bed mould;
- The roof is punctuated with a four-stacked corbelled chimney that spans the ridge of the roof of the main house, just in front of the east cross-gable;
- The four-stack corbelled chimneys are closely clustered and rest on a single heavy brick base which is free of decoration;
- A single less elaborate gable-end chimney is aligned with the west sidewall of the main house;
- The roof of the northeast addition and the B. Napier Simpson Jr. addition contains hipped gable roofs;
- Windows are double hung, with six-over-six glazing and plain lugsills;
- Ground floor window openings are wider than those of the second storey and have paneled wood aprons;
- The recessed centre bay of the three-bay main house contains a fine doorcase with transom, sidelights and a simple classical surround that contains an entablature supported by narrow pilasters;
- The main doorcase includes a six paneled door with original hardware;
- The sidelights and transom contained in the main doorcase are glazed with a series of rectangular lights within a border of narrow lights;
- Below the sidelights are single wood panels with a similar treatment to the main door;
- A double casement window is located over the main door which is divided with a central mullion; each unit has four lights;
- Original interior features include the open double quarter-turned staircase located at the end of the central hall of the main house which is completed with simple square spindles and an elegant curved banister and turned newel posts;
- The exposed ends of the stair treads are detailed with a classically inspired detailing; the lower portion of the stair is completed in a wood panel that is divided into four;
- The original wainscoting and trim located within the central hall of the main house;
- A large Black Walnut tree is located to the east of the house which predates the construction of the Drynoch residence;
- The location of the house at the prow of a hill and immediately adjacent to Philips Lake; and
- The clear visual connection between the tree-lined carriageway and the Drynoch residence.

ITEM 2

TAKE NOTICE THAT the Council of The Corporation of the Town of Richmond Hill intends to designate the below-noted properties, including land and building, as properties of cultural heritage value or interest under Part IV, section 29 of the *Ontario Heritage Act*, R.S.O. 1990, Chapter 0.18, as amended.

The Drynoch Carriageway

- (a) **Property Description:** Block 184, Plan 65M-3822, Town of Richmond Hill,
Regional Municipality of York (PIN 03207-2185 (LT))
Municipal Address: 0 Silver Maple Road
- (b) **Property Description:** Block 191, Plan 65M-3785, Town of Richmond Hill,
Regional Municipality of York (PIN 03207-1826 (LT))
Municipal Address: 0 Shirrick Drive
- (c) **Property Description:** Block 28, Plan 65M-3823, Town of Richmond Hill,
Regional Municipality of York (PIN 03207-2252 (LT))
Municipal Address: 0 Windrow Street
- (d) **Property Description:** Part of Block 26, Plan 65M-3823, Parts 6 and 7 on
65R-33309, Town of Richmond Hill, Regional
Municipality of York (PIN 03207-4673 (LT))

Part of Block 27, Plan 65M-3823, Part 5 on
65R-33309, Town of Richmond Hill, Regional
Municipality of York (PIN 03207-4677 (LT))
Municipal Address: 0 Yonge Street
- Town File No.:** D12-07230

Statement of Cultural Heritage Value or Interest

The subject properties located at 0 Yonge Street, 0 Silver Maple Road, 0 Shirrick Drive and 0 Windrow Street are recommended for designation under Part IV of the *Ontario Heritage Act* for its design and associative historical value. The properties contain the tree-lined former carriageway which connected the Drynoch Estate (16 Macleod Estate) to Yonge Street.

The carriageway was originally believed to have been constructed by the Macleod family in 1848 and includes an allée of silver maple trees on both the north and south sides of the former carriageway planted in 10 metre intervals. The Canadian author Sherrill MacLaren described this feature as “one of the finest carriage ways in Upper Canada.”

Contextually the carriageway is physically, visually and historically connected to the construction of the Drynoch residence. The carriageway has retained its strong design character over the years, with trees being replanted as they mature and have to be removed. The resulting planting provides a strong linear visual sense of travel from Yonge Street to the main residence.

Description of Heritage Attributes

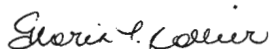
Key exterior attributes that contribute to the design value of 0 Yonge Street, 0 Silver Maple Road, 0 Shirrick Drive and 0 Windrow Street include the following:

- The single allée of trees on both the north and south side of the carriageway;
- The type of tree: silver maple trees;
- The regular planting of trees: 10 metre intervals;
- The gravel base of the former carriageway; and
- The clear visual connection between the carriageway and the Drynoch Residence (16 Macleod Estate Court).

Notice of Objection

Any person who objects to the proposed designations shall, within 30 days after the publication of this notice, serve on the Town Clerk of the Town of Richmond Hill, a Notice of Objection setting out the reason for the objection and all relevant facts. The last day to appeal the proposed designations is **February 21, 2017**. Service may be made by delivery personally to the Town Clerk or by Regular Mail at the following address:

Stephen M.A. Huycke, Town Clerk
The Town of Richmond Hill
225 East Beaver Creek Road
Richmond Hill ON L4B 3P4



Gloria T. Collier
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- c. Antonio Dimilta, Town Solicitor
- c. Joanne Leung, Manager of Urban Design
- c. Matthew Sommerville, Urban Design/Heritage Planner
- c. Stephen M.A. Huycke, Town Clerk