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Town of Aurora 1 Municipal Drive, Box 1000, Aurora, ON L4G 6J1

November 17, 2009

Ontario Heritage Trust Heritage Programs and Operations Branch 10 Adelaide Street East, Suite 203 Toronto, Ontario, Canada M5C 1J3

Att: Mr. Sean Fraser, Manager, Acquisitions and Conservation Services

Dear: Mr. Fraser

RE: Notice of Intention to Designate a Property to be of Cultural Heritage Value or Interest "The George and Phoebe Johnston House" 5 Tyler Street Part Lots 7 & 8 W/S Yonge Street, Plan 9, as is R589330; Town of Aurora, Regional Municipality of York

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Please find attached a Notice of Intention to Designate, which includes a statement explaining the cultural heritage value or interest and a description of the heritage attributes of the above-noted property.

Yours sincerely,

Christopher C. Cooper Acting Town Clerk

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# NOTICE OF INTENTION TO DESIGNATE A BUILDING OF CULTURAL HERIATGE VALUE OR INTEREST

TAKE NOTICE THAT the Council of The Corporation of the Town of Aurora intends to designate the following property as a property of cultural heritage value or interest pursuant to the provisions of Section 29 of the *Ontario Heritage Act*, R.S.O. 1990, Chapter O.18, as amended. A brief statement of reasons is included.

"The George and Phoebe Johnston House" 5 Tyler Street Part Lots 7 & 8 W/S Yonge Street, Plan 9, as is R589330; Town of Aurora, Regional Municipality of York

### Description of Property

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The George and Phoebe Johnston House, known municipally as 5 Tyler Street, is a 2½ storey residential building, located on the south side of Tyler Street in the southwest quadrant of Old Aurora.

#### Statement of Cultural Heritage Value

This property meets numerous criteria required for designation under Part IV of the *Ontario Heritage Act*. The site is culturally significant because of its design and physical value, historical and associative value, and contextual value.

#### Historical or Associative Value

The George and Phoebe Johnston House located at 5 Tyler Street is of historical value for its association with George Johnston, an employee of the nearby Fleury Foundry and member of the Aurora Methodist Church. The house was a part of a trend of single-family dwellings built on infill and smaller lots to meet the needs of Aurora's increasing population in the early 1900s.

#### Design or Physical Value

The George and Phoebe Johnston House has architectural value as a local variation of the Edwardian Foursquare style. The house is 2½ storeys and features red brick exterior, flared hip roof with front dormer, and front veranda.

### Contextual Value

The George and Phoebe Johnston House has contextual value, given that it was like other houses in the neighbourhood built for a family whose head was employed by the nearby Fleury Foundry, a major employer in Aurora in the late 19<sup>th</sup> and early 20<sup>th</sup> Centuries.

## Description of Heritage Attributes

Key exterior attributes that express the heritage value of "The George and Phoebe Johnson House", located at 5 Tyler Street, include:

## Exterior Elements

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- Edwardian Foursquare plan, 2½ storey high
- red pressed brick exterior walls
- flared hip roof with front dormer
- original window openings
- front verandah form
- front doorway

# DETAILED REASONS FOR THE PROPOSED DESIGNATION CAN BE OBTAINED BY CONTACTING THE UNDERSIGNED.

Any person may, before 4:30 p.m. on the 17<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2009, send by registered mail or deliver to the Town Clerk, Notice of Objection to the proposed designation, together with a statement of the reasons for the objection and all relevant facts. If a Notice of Objection is received, the Council of the Town of Aurora will refer the matter to the Conservation Review Board for a hearing and a report.

Further information respecting the proposed designation(s) is available from the Clerk's Office upon request.

DATED at Aurora this 17<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2009.

Christopher C. Cooper, Acting Town Clerk, Town of Aurora, 1 Municipal Drive, Box 1000, Aurora, ON, L4G 6J1