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Mr. Jim Leonard, Registrar
Ontario Heritage Trust
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Dear: Mr. Leonard

**RE: Notice of Intention to Designate a Property to be of Cultural Heritage Value
or Interest
98 Temperance Street
"Theodore Kirkby House"
Lot 9, Plan 39
Town of Aurora, Regional Municipality of York**

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,



John D. Leach

Director of Customer & Legislative Services/Town Clerk

c. Mai Al Nabhan, Manager of Heritage Planning and Urban Design



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.

98 Temperance Street
"Theodore Kirkby House"
Lot 9, Plan 39
Town of Aurora, Regional Municipality of York

Description of Property

The property known municipally as 98 Temperance Street contains a 1½ storey residential building located on the west side of Temperance Street between Tyler and Reuben Streets.

Statement of Cultural Heritage Value or Interest

The cultural heritage value of the property derives from its character, being a fair example of vernacular architecture of a Worker's house and its historical association with George Browning who was a local builder, and for its association with its first owner, Theodore Kirkby who was a miller at the nearby Baldwin Mill. It has contextual value for its location on Temperance Street which is a residential street lined with historical houses once belonging to the workers at the nearby historical industries such as Aurora Flouring Mills (G. S. Baldwin); Aurora Agricultural Works; and the Tannery.

Physical Design Value

The house is a fair representation of a gable-front Worker's house popular between the years 1850 to 1890, and a form of housing that were practical and suitable for narrow urban lots in growing towns and cities. The Theodore Kirkby House is 1½ storey in height with a moderate pitch front-gabled roof; a covered porch with slanting roof, four chamfered porch posts, decorative running wood trim, and a low wood railing with vertical and horizontal slats; and a three-sided bay window which projects slightly and emphasizes the visual relationship between the house and the streetscape. Originally, two narrow windows existed on the second floor, but were joined together and transformed into one large window in 1970. A large 1½ storey rear addition was added in 1987.

Historical /Associative Value

The house was built in 1886 by local builder George Browning and named after its first owner Theodore Kirkby, a miller at the Baldwin Mill located near the

corner of Wellington and Mill Streets. The house is a fair example of vernacular architecture of a Worker's house popular between the years 1850 to 1890 that grew in response to the need for housing skilled workers, many of whom worked at nearby historical industries.

Contextual Value

Located on the west side of Temperance Street, the property is within a mature streetscape of historic residences mostly built in the late 1800's and early 1900's with strong historical connection to local industrial history, particularly those industries in the direct vicinity of Temperance Street, namely, Aurora Flouring Mills (G. S. Baldwin, which no longer exists); Aurora Agricultural Works (J. Fleury's Sons); and the Tannery on Tyler Street.

Description of Heritage Attributes

Important to the preservation of the property are the original key attributes that express its value, which include:

Exterior Elements

- overall 1½ storey frame structure of Worker's house style;
- front-gable roof;
- covered front porch with posts, trim and railing;
- all original window openings;
- three-sided bay window; and
- front door opening with transom.

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

Any person may, before 4:30 p.m. on the 6th day of September, 2011, 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 Town Clerk's Office upon request.

DATED at Aurora this 4th day of August, 2011.

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