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THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF OAKVILLE

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CULTURAL PROGRAMS HERITAGE UNIT



Dear Sir/Madam:

RE: Proposed Designation of 210 Randall Street, Oakville, Ontario

Pursuant to Section 29 of the Ontario Heritage Act, we are forwarding herewith the attached notice setting out Council's intention to designate the above-noted property as a property of historical, architectural and contextual value and interest.

Also attached for your information is a copy of the staff report that was approved by the Oakville Council.

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Should you have any questions regarding this matter, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned.

Yours very truly,

Pat McPherson

Committee Assistant

TOWN OF OAKVILLE

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attachments

cc: Ramona Boddington, Heritage Planner

CORR/PATM/LETTERS/210RANDL

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF OAKVILLE

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO DESIGNATE 210 RANDALL STREET

Oakville Town Council is intending to designate the property municipally known as 210 Randall Street in the Town of Oakville.

The earliest name which appears on the title to this property is that of William Chisholm, in 1835, who was the founder of Oakville. Over the years the property was conveyed to William Robinson, Patrick O'Boyle, George Busby and Thomas Harker, all prominent members of the Oakville community.

The heritage structure at 210 Randall Street represents one of the few remaining Victorian style vernacular houses situated in the commercial core of downtown Oakville. The plan of the original house is a one and one-half storey, rectangular in form with a three-sided bay, with a finely detailed, single storey porch, and a side-gabled type roof. A large clapboard-clad wood frame addition with a segmented gable roof and a closed-in porch is attached. All windows are double hung wood sash, two over two windows on the ground floor and six over six windows on the upper floor.

In terms of classifications, Folk Victorian, National or Hall and Parlor Family capture some of the characteristics of the original house. The decorative woodwork on the porch is more typical of the Victorian Stick style or Queen Anne period and the curved hip rafters are unusual. The curved members between columns are typical of a vernacular Queen Anne style.

NOTICES OF OBJECTION to the property designation may be served on the undersigned, the Clerk of the Corporation of the Town of Oakville, within 30 days from the 8th of May, 1996 being the date upon which this notice was first published in the Oakville Beaver newspaper.

Judith Muncaster, Town Clerk
Town of Oakville
1225 Trafalgar Road, Oakville, Ontario L6J 5A6

Telephone Company, whose switchboard was located in his jewelry store. William served as chairman of the Oakville Board of Education for 25 years and was very involved in the Methodist Church. Hazel C. Chisholm refers to William's involvement in beautifying Oakville by cleaning up local dumps, an effort for which he was recognized in the naming of Busby Park.

In 1895, the deed to the property was registered to Thomas Harker, who appears to have owned it until 1947. Since then, a variety of individuals and companies have owned the property through to 1992, when the latest transfer of ownership to 957147 Ontario Inc. occurred.

ARCHITECTURAL SIGNIFICANCE

The building sits on the southeast corner of the intersection of Randall and George Street. The plan of the original house is rectangular in form with a three-sided bay to the east side. It is a one and one-half storey building with a finely detailed, single storey porch on the north elevation. The roof of the original house is a side-gabled type with the ridge running east-west. The structure appears to be of wood framing. Given the dates of ownership of the property, it is quite probably that pre-cut lumber would have been available from local mills or from local merchants via the railroad.

Attached to the south elevation of the original house is a large clapboard-clad, wood frame addition with a segmented, asymmetrical gable roof, the ridge of which runs north-south. Part of this addition is a west facing. closed-in porch.

The present cladding of the original structure is stucco, which does not appear to have been the original material. All windows on the original house are double hung. There are elegantly proportioned wood sash, two over two windows on the ground floor and more typical six over six windows on the upper floor. The six over six windows are placed symmetrically on the east and west elevations.

In terms of style classifications, Folk Victorian, National or Hall and Parlor Family capture some of the characteristics of the original house. The finely detailed decorative woodwork on the porch is more typical of the Victorian Stick style or of the Queen Anne period. Specifically, the curved members between columns are typical of a vernacular Queen Anne style. The curved hip rafters are unusual, but very much in keeping with the porch.

CONTEXTUAL SIGNIFICANCE

The heritage structure at 210 Randall Street represents one of the few remaining Victorian style vernacular houses situated in the commercial core of downtown Oakville