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# The Corporation Of The City Of Brampton

## Administration and Finance Department

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REGISTERED MAIL

Ontario Heritage Foundation  
Ministry of Culture & Recreation  
Heritage Administration Branch  
77 Bloor Street West  
TORONTO, Ontario  
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ATTENTION: L. St. Croix  
Heritage Conservation Officer

Dear Sir/Madam

RE: Designation of certain properties within  
the City of Brampton  
Clerk's File: 26-83

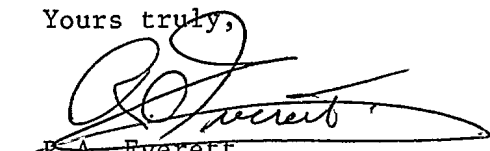
In accordance with the provisions of the Ontario Heritage Act 1980, enclosed is a copy of a Notice of Intention by the City of Brampton to designate certain properties as properties of historic or architectural value.

The properties concerned are as follows:

- (a) The McMurphy Powerhouse located on the northwest corner of Embleton Road and Mississauga Road.
- (b) The Castle is located at 34 Church Street West, Brampton

For your information please.

Yours truly,

  
R.A. Everett  
Director of Administration  
and City Clerk

RAE:gm  
Encl.



THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF BRAMPTON

PUBLIC NOTICE

TAKE NOTICE that the Council of The Corporation of the City of Brampton proposes to designate, as a property of historical or architectural value or interest, pursuant to section 29 of the Ontario Heritage Act (R.S.O. 1980, chapter 337), the following properties:

1. The property known as the Castle, 34 Church Street West, and more particularly described as follows:

The land and premises situate, lying and being in the City of Brampton, in the Regional Municipality of Peel (formerly in the Town of Brampton, in the County of Peel) and being composed of part of Lot D and the whole of Block M according to a plan of survey referred to as BR-4, bounded by Church, Thomas and Market Streets, for the City of Brampton, being a subdivision of part of Lot 6 in the First Concession West of Hurontario Street in the Geographic Township of Chinguacousy, being described as follows:  
COMMENCING at the northerly angle of Block M, which is also the intersecting point of the South limit of Market Street with the West limit of Thomas Street at a standard iron bar planted, which is the place of beginning.

THENCE South 44 degrees, 28 minutes, 20 seconds  
West, 405.18 feet along the southern limit of  
Market Street to a round iron bar planted,  
THENCE South 33 degrees, 19 minutes, 50 seconds  
West, 95.93 feet to a round iron bar planted,  
THENCE North 74 degrees, 2 minutes, 30 seconds  
East, 481.97 feet along the northern limit of  
Church Street West to a top stone pillar at the  
intersecting point of the northern limit of  
Church Street West with the western limit of  
Thomas Street,  
THENCE North 44 degrees, 26 minutes, 40 seconds  
West, 331.74 feet along the western limit of  
Thomas Street to the place of beginning.

#### Reasons for the Proposed Designation

##### The Castle

Designed in the style of the english manor house  
by architect William Hay and built in 1853 by George Wright,  
the Castle is inherently linked to some of Brampton's fore-  
most citizens whose efforts have changed the course of  
Brampton's history.

The Castle was home to two of Brampton's most  
distinguished citizens, namely John Alexander Thistle and  
George Williams (owner of the Williams Shoe Company).

Mr. J. W. Hewetson, of the Hewetson Shoe Company, later acquired title to the home which was subsequently passed on to his son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. A. Grenville Davis, parents of present Ontario Premier William Davis. William Davis spent his childhood in the Castle.

The interior of the home features a centre hall plan with a parlour on one side and drawing room on the other, and a notable centre staircase divides at a landing two-thirds of the way up.

The roof of the house is covered in grey slate shingles and is topped with chimneys and decorated brick work. Decoratively carved roof beams project through the outer walls of the gable ends.

2. The property known as the McMurchy Powerhouse, located on the Northwest corner of Embleton Road and Mississauga Road and more particularly described as follows:

ALL AND SINGULAR that certain parcel or tract of land and premises, situate, lying and being in the City of Brampton, in the Regional Municipality of Peel (formerly in the Township of Chinguacousy, in the County of Peel) and being composed of part of the East half of Lot 5, Concession 5, West of Hurontario Street, designated as Part 1 on a plan of survey of record deposited in the Land Registry

Office for the Registry Division of Peel (No. 43)  
as number 43R-11025.

Reasons for the Proposed Designation

The McMurphy Powerhouse

Developed in 1885 by J. O. Hutton, the Powerhouse generated 100 horsepower of hydro-electric power, which was considered an engineering phenomenon at the time.

The Powerhouse powered the woollen mill and also served as a power source for the Brampton area after Mr. Hutton built a 2200 volt line to this area. It powered the first outdoor lamp, which was in front of the Queen's Hotel. In 1886, it powered 18 additional outdoor lights.

The Powerhouse also supplied power to at least three Brampton factories.

The Powerhouse was purchased in 1903 by John McMurphy, who upgraded it to provide 500 horsepower. McMurphy continued to use the powerhouse as a source of electricity for his own industrial holdings until 1950, although a provincial source of hydro-electric power had become available as early as 1911.

NOTICE OF OBJECTION TO THE PROPOSED DESIGNATIONS  
MAY BE SERVED ON THE CLERK WITHIN 30 DAYS OF THE 24th DAY OF  
August , 1983.

This notice is given in accordance with section 29(3)  
of the Ontario Heritage Act.

DATED at the City of Brampton this 24th day of  
August , 1983.