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NOTICE

IN THE MATTER OF THE ONTARIO HERITAGE ACT, R.S.O. 1990, CHAPTER O. 18, AND THE MATTER OF THE LANDS AND PREMISES KNOWN AS THE THOMAS DALE HOUSE, LOCATED AT 250 MAIN STREET NORTH IN THE CITY OF BRAMPTON, IN THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO:

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO DESIGNATE

TAKE NOTICE that the Council of the City of Brampton intends to designate property, being the Thomas Dale House and lands upon which the building is situated, at 250 Main Street North in the City of Brampton, in the Province of Ontario, as a property of cultural heritage value or interest under Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act, R.S.O. c. O. 18.

SHORT STATEMENT OF THE REASON FOR THE DESIGNATION

Heritage designation of Thomas Dale House, 250 Main Street North, is recommended under Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act, for architectural, historical and contextual reasons.

The property is a significant cultural heritage resource. The ranges of heritage attributes (architectural, contextual and historical) found on the property are extensive and generally well preserved.

Historical associations are present with early European-Canadian settlement and the Dale family, founders of one of Brampton's most important flower growing operations and Brampton's "flower town" heritage. The wood frame vernacular Gothic Revival house on this property was built about 1874 for A.O. Fuller.

Thomas Dale (1871-1944) was the son of Edward Dale and brother of Harry Dale, founders of Dale Estate Nurseries. The Dale family owned this property from about 1903 to 1956. Thomas Dale was an executive with the Dale Estates. For a period of time this house was heated by steam, piped in from the nearby greenhouses. Other houses in the neighbourhood were also heated by steam.

Geographical and cultural interactions exist between the Thomas Dale house and historic streetscape of significant mid and late 19th century single-family homes along Main Street North. The house also contributes much to the prominent gateway into the downtown and it is clearly linked to the nearby site of the Dale Estates nursery. In fact, fire insurance maps show the Dale greenhouses actually abutting the northeast corner of the property line. When the Dales owned the property several well-tended flowerbeds surrounded the house.

The architectural heritage attributes exhibited by the house are significant. The house is a good surviving example of vernacular Gothic Revival architecture, with steeply pitched gables, a pointed gothic window on the second storey and a decorative wooden crown over the second storey double window, vertical corner boards decorated with braided wood rope detailing running the length of each board, wood window and door architraves. Edwardian architectural influences are also prominent. They include: the front verandah and front picture window. The bowed shape of the verandah is unique in this neighbourhood. The house presents a good example of how two distinct architectural styles can blend effectively.

This house is generally well preserved; retaining its very prominent and well-designed Edwardian front verandah, along with decorative wood architraves around window and door openings and rare roughcast stucco cladding.

DESCRIPTION OF HERITAGE ATTRIBUTES

To ensure that the cultural heritage significance of this property remains intact, certain heritage attributes are to be conserved, and they include:

Exterior Architectural Heritage Attributes:

Gothic massing with steeped pitched gable roofs; rough cast stucco exterior cladding; very significant and beautifully designed Edwardian front verandah with: wood Doric columns, wood balustrade, pediment with fish scale shingling inside pediment, tongue in groove ceiling, bowed shape to centre portion of verandah, panelled boxed pedestals supporting the columns, frieze decorated with dentils; moulded wood architraves decorating window and door openings; segmental arched window openings; fixed stained glass transom panel over front picture window; triangular shaped wooden crown with decorative scroll details, over the double window on second storey; vertical wood corner boards with braided wood rope detailing running the length of each board; horizontal wood apron; wood soffits and fascia.

Contextual Heritage Attributes:

Geographical and cultural interactions exist with historic Main Street North; part of late 19th century residential streetscape; contributes much to the prominent gateway into the downtown; geographically linked to the nearby site of the Dale Estates nursery.

Historical /Cultural Heritage Attributes:

Historical associations with Dale family and Dale Estate Nurseries; historical references to steam heating from Dale greenhouses; symbolic of Brampton's flower town heritage; good example of mid Victorian single family home; helps interpret the historical development of the community.

The short statement of reason for the designation, including a description of the heritage attributes along with all other components of the detailed Heritage Report: Statement of Reason for Heritage Designation, constitute the "reason for heritage designation" required under the *Ontario Heritage Act*.

Please contact Jim Leonard, Heritage Coordinator in Urban Design Section, Planning, Design and Development Department at (905) 874-3825 to view this document, and for further information.

Notice of objections to the proposed designation may be served on the Clerk no later than 4:30 p.m. on December 11, 2006 (within 30 days of the publication of this notice).

Dated at the City of Brampton on this 10th day of November 2006.

Kathryn Zammit, City Clerk, City of Brampton