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December 23, 2010

Re: Notice of Intention to Designate

Dear Mr. Leonard,

The template we use for the *Notice of Intention to Designate* was recently updated. Please replace the previous Notices that were sent to you (9749 The Gore Rd, 23 Centre St S, 38 Isabella St, and 21 Brisdale Dr), with the updated version that I have included in this package.

Thank you,



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NOTICE

In accordance with procedure By-law 160-2004, and in the matter of the Ontario Heritage Act, R.S.O. 1990, Chapter O. 18, and the matter of the lands and premises located at 9749 The Gore Road (Harrison Hewgill Cemetery) 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 situated at 9749 The Gore Road (Harrison Hewgill Cemetery) 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.

DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY

The cemetery is situated on block 375. It is essentially square in shape with the lot line demarked with a decorative wood fence and stone piers. The entrance to the cemetery is from the south side of Castle Oaks Crossing off The Gore Road. The subject property is generally flat in nature. Just to the south of the parcel is a storm water management pond.

SHORT STATEMENT OF THE REASON FOR THE DESIGNATION

The property at 9749 The Gore Road is worthy of designation under Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act for its cultural heritage value. The property meets the criteria for designation prescribed by the Province of Ontario under the three categories of design or physical value, historical value and contextual value.

The subject property is the site of a small family burial plot, originally a feature within a well-tended rural farmstead established in the 1850s by Matthew Harrison and his wife Ann Hewgill-Harrison.

The plot was located in a small apple orchard, near the Harrison farmhouse, a brick masonry building in the Ontario Gothic style, dating to about 1855. The farmhouse was relocated to McVean Drive in 2006.

An archaeological assessment of the cemetery completed in 2005 confirmed that the family burial plot consists of a single grave with two interments – Ann Hewgill-Harrison and her unnamed infant baby. This shared grave burial practices was not unusual under such circumstances. Mother and baby died on July 17, 1869. The burials are marked by two beautifully carved stone grave markers embedded, side-by-side, in the soil.

The cultural heritage value of the property relates primarily to its historical or associative value. The property is directly associated with the Harrison and Hewgill families – both prominent in the Toronto-Gore area. The Matthew Harrison family worked this farm from 1854 to the 1950s.

The cemetery also has the potential to yield information about the many hardships of the early settlers in Peel County who had to endure isolation, a harsh environment and many struggles. From a social historical perspective the site is also a reminder of just how prevalent infant mortality was in the European settlement period.

The two white marble grave markers exhibit design value. They are representative of the stone carvers art. The markers display the highly evocative weeping willow motif, a popular Victorian symbol of loss and grief. Both stones have undergone conservation treatments.

The cultural heritage value of the property is also connected to its contextual value. It helps define and identify the location of the former Harrison farm. This burial site is the only remaining tangible vestige of the former farmstead.

It is physically and historically linked to the farmstead as well as the former cross-roads hamlet of Castlemore (located just north of the subject property at the intersection of The Gore Road and Castlemore Road).

The Cemetery also retains a simple, pastoral, rural character. The setting, trees, shrubs and other new landscaping elements introduced in 2010 form an interesting rural green space within an newly urbanized setting.

DESCRIPTION OF HERITAGE ATTRIBUTES

Unless otherwise indicated, the reason for designation apply generally to all exterior elevations, facades, foundation, roof and roof trim, all doors, windows, other structural openings and associated trim, all architectural detailing, construction materials of wood, stone, brick, plaster parging, metal and glazing and related building techniques, fencing, all trees, shrubs, hedgerows, other vegetation and the grounds and vistas generally.

To ensure that the cultural heritage value of this property is conserved, certain heritage attributes that contribute to its value have been identified. They include:

- representative example of a rural Euro-Canadian family burial plot;
- two marble grave markers.

- has the potential to yield information about the many hardships of the early settlers in Peel County who had to endure isolation, a harsh environment and many struggles.
- from a social historical perspective the site is also a reminder of just how prevalent infant mortality was in the European settlement period.
- associative value reflecting the history of the former 'cross-roads' hamlet of Castlemore;
- all trees bushes, grasses, all groundcovers such as daylilies and all hedgerows;
- pastoral, rural character of site;
- physically, functionally, visually and historically linked to its surroundings and to the nearby former hamlet of Castlemore;
- only remaining physical element of the original Harrison farmstead.

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 Antonietta Minichillo, Heritage Coordinator in Urban Design Section, Planning, Design and Development Department at 905-874-3744 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 January 28th, 2011 (within 30 days of the publication of this notice).

Dated at the City of Brampton on this 21st day of December, 2010.

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