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Jim Leonard
Registrar, OHT
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Re: Notice of Intention to Designate

Dear Mr. Leonard,

Enclosed please find the *Notice of Intention to Designate* 4585 Mayfield Rd, Brampton, Ontario as being of cultural heritage value or interest under Part IV of the *Ontario Heritage Act*. Please feel free to contact me for any additional information.

Thank you,



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NOTICE

In accordance with procedure By-law 160-2004, as amended, and 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 Peter Archdekin Farmhouse, located at 4585 Mayfield Road 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 4585 Mayfield Road (Peter Archdekin Farmhouse) 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 property is located on the south side of Mayfield Road between Dixie Road and Bramalea Road. It is surrounded by agricultural land to the east, south, and west, and the Town of Caledon directly north. The principle structure is a 19th century rural dwelling, situated on a lot with a total area of 67.27 acres. The main façade of the house is distinguished by a centre gabled dormer with an arched window, decorative bargeboard and finial, dichromatic brickwork (including quoins, band, and lozenges), radiating voussoirs, and keystones.

SHORT STATEMENT OF THE REASON FOR THE DESIGNATION

The property at 4585 Mayfield 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 cultural heritage value of 4585 Mayfield Road is related to its design or physical value as a 1½ storey masonry farmhouse, representative of rural vernacular architecture with Gothic Revival influences. The farmhouse represents a typical rural dwelling built during the late 19th century, and exhibits several defining elements that were normative for homes built in the former Toronto Gore, including a central gabled dormer, decorative bargeboard, radiating voussoirs, and quoins. Since the façade of

the house appears to be in excellent condition, with no obvious alterations, the architectural merit is considered higher than many surviving examples of its kind.

The property also has historical or associative value as it is associated with Brampton's early settlers, in particular Timothy Street and the Archdeakin (also Archdeacon and Archdekin) family.

Timothy Street was granted the Crown Patent for Lot 17, Concession 4, East of Hurontario Street, in 1820. Thomas Street was a saddler by trade and is said to have been granted lands in Chinguacousy in 1819 as partial compensation for his work in the survey of the township. Street sold all of the property to Benjamin Degrew in 1821. The property changed owners several times from 1837 until 1863, when it was purchased by Peter Archdekin from William Forster. The present house seems to have been built in the mid-to-late 1860s.

The Archdekins arrived from Ireland in 1829 and were among the first to settle in the Mayfield area. Thomas and Matilda Gray Archdeakin gave birth to Peter Archdeakin in 1833. He served as a School Board Trustee in 1863, 1866 and 1869. Peter married Mary Speirs and had 9 children.

The *Illustrated Historical Atlas of the County of Peel* (1877) indicates that the property was owned by Peter Archdeacon (Archdekin). The 1891 and 1901 Census Returns show that Thomas Archdekin, presumably a son of Peter, lived in the brick house on Lot 17. The lot also contained another house of frame construction on the east side where Peter Archdekin lived in 1891. Upon his death in 1898, Peter Archdekin's lot was subdivided into two equal parts and granted to his sons, Austin and Leo Gray. His will also stipulated that his surviving wife, Mary Speirs, had the right to live in the home on the homestead during her lifetime. She died in 1915.

The Archdekin family remained in the area throughout the years, farming and pursuing other forms of business. Jim Archdekin (son of Stan Archdekin) is most notably known for his long service to Brampton – first as a member of Town council and then as the Mayor of Brampton from 1969 until his death in 1982. His brother, Elmore, was also a notable Brampton resident, serving as a chairman for the Brampton Hydro Commission for 17 years.

The 4585 Mayfield Road property also holds important contextual value. The house is associated with the area known as Mayfield Village, located at the intersection of the 3rd Line of Bramalea Road and Mayfield Road. It contained 50 people with a brick schoolhouse, a general store, a post office, a blacksmith shop and a hotel in 1877. The

Peter Archdekin Farmhouse is one of the few surviving buildings from this former community. The property is also directly associated with the early settlement of Brampton and its rich agricultural legacy. Although the fields are no longer being farmed and other related structures are gone, the preserved farmhouse serves as a physical link between the past and the present. Through its preservation within the community, it continues to act as a reminder of the agricultural landscape that once dominated the area.

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:

- Gothic Revival (Ontario Cottage) architectural influence
- 1 ½ storey
- Red masonry construction
- Centre gabled dormer with arched window, decorative bargeboard and finial
- Dichromatic brickwork including quoins, band, lozenges
- Radiating voussoirs with sawtooth brick detail
- Stone window sills
- Returned eaves
- Keystone
- Chimneys

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, constitute the "reason for heritage designation" required under the *Ontario Heritage Act*.

Please contact Stavroula Kassaris, Heritage Coordinator, Planning, Design and Development department at 905-874-3825 to view this document and for further information. Any objections to this proposed designation must be filed with the City Clerk no later than 4:30 p.m. on Friday September 6, 2013 (within 30 days of the publication of this notice).

Date: August 2, 2013

Peter Fay, City Clerk

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