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December 22, 2017

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Ontario Heritage Trust  
Attn: Erin Semande, Registrar  
10 Adelaide Street East  
Toronto ON M5C 1J3

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Dear Ms. Semande,

**Re: Heritage Designation**  
**79 Hamilton Street North, Flamborough (Vimy Memorial Oak Tree)**

Attached please find the Statement of Cultural Heritage Value or Interest, Description of Heritage Attributes, and Notice of Intention to Designate for the Vimy Memorial Oak Tree located at 79 Hamilton Street North, Flamborough. The Notice of Intention to Designate has been published in the Hamilton Spectator on December 22, 2017.

Yours truly,

Steve Robichaud, MCIP RPP  
Director of Planning

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cc: Councillor Judi Partridge, Ward 15  
Nicole Auty, City Solicitor  
Ed VanderWindt, Director, Building Services  
Loren Kolar, Legislative Coordinator  
Jeremy Parsons, Planner II, Cultural Heritage

### **Statement of Cultural Heritage Value**

The Vimy Memorial Oak Tree is located on the property of Legion Branch 551 within the community of Waterdown. The tree is located on the northeast corner of the property (White Oaks Drive and Hamilton Street North) adjacent to the Legion War Memorial. The tree contains historical / associative value as a living symbol of remembrance of the Canadian sacrifice at Vimy Ridge and the local soldiers who served in the First World War (1914-1918). The tree maintains lineage to the English oak trees which once grew on the Ridge and were destroyed by the shelling of the battle. Through the efforts of Lieutenant Leslie H. Miller of the Canadian Signal Corps, a handful of small acorns that were collected have produced a forest of oaks in Scarborough, Ontario which have subsequently propagated new life and meaning across Canada through the grafting, growth, and distribution of saplings. In connection with the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Battle of Vimy Ridge, these descendants of the original oaks now act to commemorate the legacy of Canadian sacrifice in the Great War.

The Vimy Memorial Oak Tree contains contextual value in its location on the property of the Legion Branch 551 (Waterdown), its adjacency to the War Memorial, and its location near other local memorials in Waterdown.

### **Description of Heritage Attributes**

The designation of the Vimy Memorial Oak Tree does not pertain to the wider property at 79 Hamilton Street North, Flamborough or any other natural or built heritage features on the property. Key attributes of the tree itself include all natural features: its full form, trunk, crown, limbs, branches and any other attached elements. Its planted location at the corner of White Oaks Drive and Hamilton Street North is also listed as having importance.

# NOTICE OF INTENTION TO DESIGNATE

## **"The Vimy Memorial Oak Tree"** **79 Hamilton Street North,** **Flamborough**

**WHAT:** In the matter of the Ontario Heritage Act and the property in the City of Hamilton known municipally as 79 Hamilton Street North, Flamborough notice is hereby given that the City of Hamilton intends to designate the Vimy Memorial Oak Tree on the subject property as being a property of cultural heritage value.

**WHY:** The Vimy Memorial Oak Tree is located on the property of Legion Branch 551 at 79 Hamilton Street North, within the community of Waterdown. The tree is found on the northeast corner of the property (corner of White Oaks Drive and Hamilton Street North) adjacent to the Legion War Memorial. The reason for designation is to recognize the Vimy Memorial Oak Tree's historical / associative value in connection with the Battle of Vimy Ridge as well as to highlight its contextual value in its current location. The tree contains historical / associative value as a living symbol of remembrance of the Canadian sacrifice at Vimy Ridge and the local soldiers who served in the First World War (1914-1918). The tree maintains lineage to the English oak trees which once grew on the Ridge and were destroyed by the shelling of the battle. Through the efforts of Lieutenant Leslie H. Miller of the Canadian Signal Corps, a handful of small acorns that were collected have produced a forest of oaks in Scarborough, Ontario which have subsequently propagated new life and meaning across Canada through the grafting, growth, and distribution of saplings. In connection with the 100th Anniversary of the Battle of Vimy Ridge, these descendants of the original oaks now act to commemorate the legacy of Canadian sacrifice in the Great War.

The Statement of Cultural Heritage Value or Interest, Description of Heritage Attributes and supporting Cultural Heritage Assessment may be found online via [www.hamilton.ca](http://www.hamilton.ca) or viewed at the Office of the City Clerk, 71 Main Street West, 1st Floor, Hamilton, Ontario, during regular business hours.

Any person may, within 30 days after the date of the publication of the Notice, serve written notice of their objections to the proposed designation, together with a statement for the objection and relevant facts.

Dated at Hamilton, this 19th day of December, 2017.

R. Caterini  
City Clerk  
Hamilton, Ontario

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