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IN THE MATTER OF THE *ONTARIO HERITAGE ACT*, R.S.O. 1990
CHAPTER 0.18

AND IN THE MATTER OF THE LAND AND PREMISES
IN THE TOWN OF RICHMOND HILL, IN THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO
HEREINAFTER DESCRIBED

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO DESIGNATE

To: Ms. Erin Semande
Acting Registrar
Ontario Heritage Trust
10 Adelaide Street East
Toronto ON M5C 1J3

TAKE NOTICE THAT the Council of The Corporation of the Town of Richmond Hill intends to designate the below-noted property, including land and building, as a property of cultural heritage value or interest under Part IV, section 29 of the *Ontario Heritage Act*, R.S.O. 1990, Chapter 0.18, as amended.

Property Description: LT 155 PL 202 KING; LT 156 PL 202 KING;
PT LT 1 PL 202 KING AS IN KI25392 EXCEPT EXPROP PL IF190;
PT LT 110 PL 202 KING AS IN A18238A & A38477A;
PT LT 67 CON 1 KING AS IN KI13767 EXCEPT EXPROP PL IF190
& PT 5 EXPROP PL B57500B; RICHMOND HILL

Municipal Address: 13200 Yonge Street, Town of Richmond Hill
(*Oak Ridges Public School*)

Town File No.: D12-07518

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Statement of Cultural Heritage Value or Interest

The subject property at 13200 Yonge Street (Oak Ridges Public School) contains direct associative/historical and contextual value. The property has been directly associated with the act of teaching since the construction of the first frame school in 1854.

The c.1854 Oak Ridges Public School (also known as the Union School Section No. 1), was constructed soon after the *Common School Act* for Upper Canada (1850), which created school sections as the smallest unit for the administration of rural public school boards.

In 1914, a new school was constructed immediately south of the original 1854 school. The original layout of the 1914 structure provided separate entrances for boys and girls on the northwest and southwest corner. The entrances converged into a circulation area located on the west side of the structure that included stairs, cloakrooms and office space. Classrooms were located on the eastern portion of the structure and provided with three banks of large east facing of windows.

The school was designed utilizing the Edwardian architectural language, which was popular at the time for a wide variety of buildings. The structure was constructed with a raised cut limestone foundation wall with four windows. The main material used for the walls was red brick with red tinted mortar joints. Articulated brick structural piers were used at the corners and mid-way along the south and north elevation. A square brick motif with cut stone elements was used to provide visual interest along the south and north walls. Large three-bay windows were utilized on the east (Yonge Street) elevation to provide light into the classrooms with smaller windows located on the north and south elevations to provide light into the circulation/office areas. All of the window sills were completed with concrete headers and sills. The 2-storey building was originally completed with a hip roof that contained two large chimneystacks. Overall, the unified brick/mortar colour scheme and vertical brick piers provided a sense of weight, mass and unity to the structure.

Additions were added to the 1914 structure in 1953 and 1961. When the 1961 addition was built the second storey of the c.1914 school was removed. Together, the two additions created an L-shaped building with the 1914 structure in the middle. The additions are not part of this designation.

In 1999, the Oak Ridges Public School moved to 160 Coon's Road (to the north west of the subject site). The subject property was used by the Conseil Scolaire Viamonde until 2015 when it was closed in advance of a redevelopment of the site.

The significance of the site relates to its associative historical and contextual value as a location for public education within the community of Oak Ridges for over 160 years.

Contextually, the property is historically linked to its location on Yonge Street and relates to the development and growth of the community of Oak Ridges since 1854.

Description of Heritage Attributes

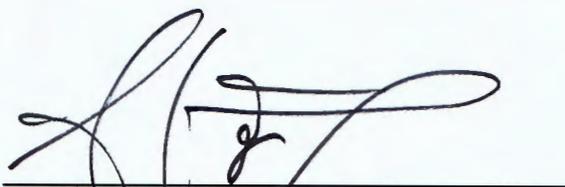
Key physical attributes that contribute to the heritage value of 13200 Yonge Street (Oak Ridges Public School), include the following:

- The east wall of the c.1914 school building;
- The raised ashlar cut stone foundation wall containing four square windows and completed with a chamfered concrete top trim;
- Red brick wall with red tinted mortar joints and structural brick piers; and
- Bay of three large square punched windows with a unified concrete sill and header.

Notice of Objection

Any person who objects to the proposed designation shall, within 30 days after the mailing of this notice, serve on the Town Clerk of the Town of Richmond Hill, a Notice of Objection setting out the reason for the objection and all relevant facts. The last day to appeal the proposed designation is **October 17, 2016**. Service may be made by delivery personally to the Town Clerk or by Regular Mail at the following address:

Stephen M.A. Huycke, Town Clerk
The Town of Richmond Hill
225 East Beaver Creek Road
Richmond Hill ON L4B 3P4



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- c. Gloria T. Collier, Deputy Clerk
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- c. Claude Bellerose, Conseil Scolaire Viamonde, 116 Cornelius Parkway, Toronto ON M6L 2K5