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**Subject: Notice of Intention to Designate**  
**191 Burnhamthorpe Road East, Oakville, Ontario**

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Attached please find the Notice of Intention to Designate the above-mentioned property which is served upon you in accordance with section 29 of the *Ontario Heritage Act*, R.S.O. 1990, c.18., (the "Act").

Pursuant to section 29 (4.1) of the Act, any person who objects to the proposed designation must file a notice of objection to the designation with the Town Clerk at 1225 Trafalgar Road, Oakville, Ontario, L6H 0H3 no later than **February 17, 2018**.

Sincerely,

Susanna Willie  
Planning Clerk/Legislation

Encls.

Cc: Vicki Tytaneck Town Clerk  
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## **NOTICE OF INTENTION TO DESIGNATE**

On January 15, 2018, Oakville Town Council resolved to pass a Notice of Intention to Designate the following property under Section 29 of the *Ontario Heritage Act*, R.S.O. 1990, c. O.18, as amended, as a property of cultural heritage value and interest:

McDuffe Connected Barn  
191 Burnhamthorpe Road East, Oakville, Ontario  
Part of Lot 14, Concession 2 Trafalgar North of Dundas Street, designated as Part 1 on Plan 20R-7060; Part of Lot 14, Concession 2 Trafalgar North of Dundas Street, as in 832592 except Part 1 on Plan 20R-7060; Oakville

### **Description of Property**

The McDuffe Connected Barn is located on the north side of Burnhamthorpe Road East, west of Trafalgar Road and east of Sixth Line. Once part of a larger 100 acre parcel of land, this 9 acre property contains a mid-20<sup>th</sup> century farmhouse, a 19<sup>th</sup> century two storey timbre-frame barn, and associated farm outbuildings. The connected barn is the only identified heritage attribute on this property.

### **Statement of Cultural Heritage Value or Interest**

The McDuffe Connected Barn has cultural heritage value in its design and physical value as a rare and representative example of a historic timber frame barn in Oakville. Further, it demonstrates a high degree of craftsmanship in its rare and unique features. The barn is an excellent rare and representative example of mid-19<sup>th</sup> century timbre frame barn construction methods, which evolved to include 20<sup>th</sup> century elements. The connected barn exhibits a number of features typical of the 19<sup>th</sup> century timbre frame construction methods, including mortise and tenon joinery and use of wooden dowels (or tree nails), and rare heritage attributes including a wagon lift and octagonal wooden grain silo.

The McDuffe Connected Barn has cultural heritage value in its historic and associative value with the theme and activity of the agricultural development of Trafalgar Township and in its direct associations with the early settlers of Trafalgar Township, including the McDuffe and Biggar families who, collectively, owned and farmed the subject lands for almost 180 years. Historic records indicated that construction on the connected barn likely began as early as 1845 and was undertaken in two stages.

In May 1840, Daniel McDuffe purchased 100 acres from Samuel C. Kenney. That same year he married Rachel Snider and they raised their seven children on the property. After Daniel's death in 1900, the McDuffe family continued to farm the property until it was sold in 1926. The property was purchased by Wilbert H. Biggar and his sister, Clara A. Biggar, in 1937, and remained in the family until it was sold in June 2017. Wilbert H. served as Trafalgar Reeve on Halton County Council, and was the President of the Oakville Dairy. The connected barn has the ability to yield information about timbre frame construction techniques and uses of early agricultural buildings.

The McDuffe Connected Barn has cultural heritage value for its contextual value as it defines and supports the agrarian character of the area.

Any objection to this designation must be filed no later than February 17, 2018. Objections should be directed to the Town Clerk, 1225 Trafalgar Road, Oakville, Ontario L6H 0H3.

Further information respecting this proposed designation is available from the Town of Oakville. Any inquiries may be directed to Susan Schappert, heritage planner at 905-845-6601, ext. 3870 (TTY 905-338-4200), or by email at [susan.schappert@oakville.ca](mailto:susan.schappert@oakville.ca).

The last date to file a notice of objection is February 17, 2018.