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Subject: Notice of Intention to Designate

**Brown Family Estate** 

Cultural Heritage Landscape 1042 Sixth Line, Oakville, Ontario

Part Lot 16, Concession 2 Trafalgar, South of Dundas Street (as in 763321)

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.O.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 **November 5, 2018.** 

Sincerely,

Susanna Willie

Planning Clerk/Legislation

Encls.

Cc:

Vicki Tytaneck, Town Clerk

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Nadia Chandra, Assistant Town Solicitor

Diane Childs, Manager, Policy & Heritage Planning, Planning Services

Susan Schappert, Heritage Planner

## NOTICE OF INTENTION TO DESIGNATE

On October 1, 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:

Brown Family Estate
Cultural Heritage Landscape
1042 Sixth Line, Oakville, Ontario
Part Lot 16, Concession 2 Trafalgar, South of Dundas Street (as in 763321)

## **Description of Property**

The property known municipally as 1042 Sixth Line is approximately 5.13-acre, irregularly-shaped parcel of land located on the west side of Sixth Line, north of the Queen Elizabeth Way. The property is surrounded by residential properties to the north, east, and south. The Sixteen Mile Creek Valley crosses the property near its southwestern corner.

The Sixteen Mile Creek and surrounding valley is a major natural feature along the west and south of the property, and the majority of the property falls within the creek valley. The residence is situated along the edge of the steep drop in topography. A worn, rubble stone lined, footpath leads from the residence to a small plateau along the valley.

Rubble stone entrance gate posts and walls, a formal cedar hedge bordering the landscape along the north, east, and south, and the placement of specimen deciduous and coniferous trees adjacent to the house and in the open lawn also serve to form this cultural heritage landscape.

## Statement of Cultural Heritage Value or Interest

The property at 1042 Sixth Line has cultural heritage value or interest due to its design value and physical value, historical/associative value, and contextual value. Furthermore, the property is a significant cultural heritage landscape and its cultural heritage value is best expressed through the individual components that comprise the landscape and their inter-relationships.

The property has physical/design value as a representative example of a designed landscape composed of both formal and informal planting schemes within a picturesque landscape plan reflective of the Arts and Crafts movement. The three-storey residence is constructed in an Arts and Crafts style. The location, orientation, and relationship of the residence with other key features of the landscape (i.e., the long, spruce-lined lane-way, formal circle, the Sixteen Mile Creek Valley, mature specimen plantings, and stone gate posts and walls) are characteristic of the movement, which embodied a respect for traditional building forms and design meant to be harmonious with the natural setting. Fenestration location, size, and orientation provides clear views to natural features, deliberate plantings and man-made landscape features.

The Sixteen Mile Creek has been identified as a natural feature of significance to the Mississaugas of the New Credit First Nation, and the property has associative value for this reason. The property also has associative value for its association with Stuart Brown, one of the founding members of the nearby Oakville Golf Club while residing at this rural estate and a contributor to the sporting history of Oakville. Given the proximity of the property to a number of identifiers of archaeological potential, in particular the Sixteen Mile Creek, this property may have the potential to yield information that contributes to an understanding of a community or culture.

## Heritage Attributes

Heritage attributes that express the cultural heritage value or interest for 1042 Sixth Line as a cultural heritage landscape include:

- The rubblestone entrance gateposts and walls;
- The formal entrance drive lined on both sides with mature spruce planted at short intervals forming a Y-shape as it opens to the formal circle at the main entrance;
- The landscape design of the house grounds, including:
  - o The terrace of land along the river valley, accessed from the rear of the residence along an earthen footpath lined by a low, intermittent stone wall;
  - o The placement of specimen deciduous and coniferous trees adjacent to the house (ginko biloba and magnolia), in the formal drive circle (beech) and in an "arboretum" east of the open lawn (oak, beech, birch, maple); and
  - o The formal cedar hedge bordering the designed landscape on the north, east and south.
- The orientation of the house closing the vista along the entrance drive and placement of windows to take advantage of that view and of views across the lawn to the south and over the creek valley to the west.

Heritage attributes that express the cultural heritage value of the c.1908-1912 frame residential building include:

- Its location, orientation, scale and massing and irregular plan;
- Its irregular roofline;
- Its ashlar stone foundation:
- Its frame construction and horizontal wood siding and wood shingle cladding; and,
- The composition and location of openings, and their frames and glazings.

Any objection to this designation must be filed no later than November 5, 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 <a href="mailto:susan.schappert@oakville.ca">susan.schappert@oakville.ca</a>

The last date to file a notice of objection is November 5, 2018.