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**Subject: Notice of Intention to Designate  
Captain G.E. Morden House  
489 Lakeshore Road West, 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.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 **August 19, 2019**.

Sincerely,

Susanna Willie  
Planning Clerk/Legislation

Encls.

cc: Vicki Tytaneck, Town Clerk  
Mark H. Simeoni, Director of Planning Services  
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Diane Childs, Manager, Policy & Heritage Planning, Planning Services  
Susan Schappert, Heritage Planner

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## **NOTICE OF INTENTION TO DESIGNATE**

On January 18, 2019, 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:

Captain G. E. Morden House  
489 Lakeshore Road West, Oakville, Ontario

### **Description of Property**

The Captain G.E. Morden House is a grassed property with several mature trees that contains a rectangular 2- 1/2 storey masonry structure built c. 1858. It is located among other residential estate homes along Lakeshore Road West in Oakville, Ontario. The house is orientated south towards Lake Ontario and directly opposite Appleby College, a prestigious private school founded in 1911.

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

#### *Design Value or Physical Value*

The Captain G.E. Morden House has design value as an example of an estate house of an original settler in Oakville. This 2- 1/2 storey home has a symmetrical façade, with three evenly spaced openings on the main floor and decorative hood moulding above the second storey window. The home is easily identifiable by its steeply pitched front gable roof. The double stack brick chimney is a prominent feature on the street front elevation, as is the front porch, although it is a more recent addition.

#### *Historical Value or Associative Value*

The house has historical value as an example of an original residential estate home built during the time of settlement in Oakville. Original owner John T. Howell and his wife Hannah built the house c.1858 prior to their official acquisition of the land in 1875, which required, as a condition of the sale, that they clear the land and build a structure no less than twenty-four feet by eighteen feet made of stone, brick, or frame construction.

The house also has historical value in its association with Captain George Hardy Morden (1837 - 1934) who purchased the property in 1900. A savvy businessman, he owned and operated several Lake Schooners, founded the Morden Line steamers, and amassed over a thousand acres of land by the time of his death in 1908. He also served as Reeve of Trafalgar Township. His family lived in the house from 1900 to 1974. Both an Oakville Road and a school are named after the Morden family.

#### *Contextual Value*

The property has contextual value by supporting and maintaining the character of the area, as an estate house oriented southward. The area is dominated by residences on the north side of Lakeshore Road West facing Appleby College.

### Description of Heritage Attributes

Key elements that contribute to the heritage value of this site include:

- The house's orientation south towards Lakeshore Road West, Appleby College, and Lake Ontario.

Key exterior attributes of the house which embody its physical and historical significance from the original exterior design c. 1858 include:

- The original, symmetrical front facade with three evenly spaced openings on the main floor, with one serving as an entrance to the home;
- The decorative wood window hood above the 2nd floor opening;
- The 3rd floor lancet windows (currently set into a rectangular wood window frame);
- The gable roof with dormer windows;
- The high pitched roof topped at the front with a tall double stack brick chimney, which gives the house prominence;
- The reconstructed front porch that spans the first floor of the residence.

Any objection to this designation must be filed no later than August 18, 2019. Objections should be directed to the Town Clerk, 1225 Trafalgar Road, Oakville, Ontario L6H 0H3.

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 August 19, 2019.