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Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury

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January 27, 2020

VIA REGULAR MAIL

Ontario Heritage Trust 10 Adelaide Street East Toronto, ON M5C 1J3

Attention: Erin Semande

Dear Ms. Semande:

RE: Notice of Intention to Designate:

Fishers Corner Schoolhouse

North Part of Lot 5, Concession 8, municipally known as 3769 Line 9,

Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury

On October 15, 2019, the Council of Bradford West Gwillimbury resolved to give notice of intent to designate 3176 County Road 27, under Section 29 of the Ontario Heritage Act, R.S.O. 1990 c. O.18, as it is of cultural heritage value and interest.

The purpose of this letter, as prescribed in Section 29 of the Ontario Heritage Act is to give Notice of Intent to Designate to the Ontario Heritage Trust. Additionally, Notice of Intent to Designate has been mailed to the owner and will be included in the January 30, 2020 edition of the Bradford West Gwillimbury Times.

Please see the attached 'Notice of Intention to Designate' which includes the required description of property, statement of cultural heritage value and description of heritage attributes.

We trust the above is satisfactory. Should you have any questions or require further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours truly,

Thomas Dysart

Planner

Attachment 1: Notice of Intention to Designate

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Fisher's Corner, S.S. #7 (circa 1877)
3769 Line 9
North Part of Lot 5, Concession 8, municipally known as 3769 Line 9,
Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury

TAKE NOTICE that the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury, on October 15, 2019, resolved to give notice of intent to designate 3769 Line 9, under Section 29 of the Ontario Heritage Act, R.S.O. 1990 c. O.18, as it is of cultural heritage value and interest.

The Fisher's Corner S.S. #7 school house is located at the property municipally known as 3769 Line 9, Bradford West Gwillimbury (formerly Township of West Gwillimbury) and is a single story brick building built in the gothic revival style (circa 1877). The school was in use until the 1960's and it was converted into a single dwelling residence.

The Fisher's Corners S.S. #7 has cultural heritage value due to its architectural style and design, its historic associations and its contextual value in contributing to its immediate context. The site is associated with the development of the hamlet of Fisher's Corners as well as the development and ongoing evolution of Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury.

The Hamlet of Fisher's Corners, located at the intersection of Line 9 and Sideroad 5, was founded by four member's of the Fisher Family – Edward, Tolbert, Thomas Albert and Thomas. As the Hamlet grew to also include a church, the new Hamlet also built a new school, originally built as a log cabin, in 1835. In 1875, more land was acquired by the trustees of Fisher's Corners School and in 1877, a brick school was built. It is said to be built of 28,000 bricks and cost \$965 to build. The building was heated by a one box stove until 1910 when a large wood burning furnace was added. Hydro was added to the school in 1947. The school ended its term in the 1960's, and the school was converted to a residence in the 1960s, which exists to this day.

The school has significant architectural value, and is an excellent example of vernacular school design. The exterior maintains almost all of its original details: including the general form and massing, dichromatic brick with eave and quoins, wooden lintels and the stone foundation. At the front of the building, on the top, sits a central bell tower. In addition, the front elevation features a central vestibule with the original wooden door, arched windows with dicormatic window surrounds and wooden double hung slashes and storm windows. On the east and west elevations, the structure features roof dormers with arched windows and the same windows on the front elevation. The building also features two brick chimneys on the east and west elevation.

The Fisher's Corner S.S. #7 contributes to its context as it is local landmark within the Hamlet of Fisher's Corner. Further it's historic and associative value as a local school house contributed to the history and development of West Gwillimbury, and therefor the Town Bradford West Gwillimbury

Any objection to this designation must be filed in writing within 30days of the date of publication of the notice of intention, being no later than March 2, 2020.

Objections should be directed to:

Rebecca Murphy, Director of Corporate Services/Town Solicitor/Clerk 100 Dissette Street, Units 7 & 8, P.O. Box 100 Bradford ON L3Z 2A7

Requests for additional information regarding the property and the designation process may be directed to:

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