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Notice of Intention to Designate

3291 Stouffville Road, Whitchurch-Stouffville

The Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville intends to designate 3291 Stouffville Road (Bruce's Mill), under Section 29 of the *Ontario Heritage Act*, as being a property of cultural heritage value.

Statement of Cultural Heritage Value

Bruce's or Carrick Mill is located at the corner of Warden Avenue and Stouffville Road, at 3291 Stouffville Road in the southwest portion of the Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville, within Bruce's Mill Conservation Area. The 108-hectare property was the site of a grist mill and farm centred on Bruce's Creek. This evolved, relict, industrial cultural heritage landscape includes a two-storey timber-frame mill with associated flume, forebay tank, embankment retaining a relict mill pond, concrete gravity dam, and roadway with bridge. It also includes a house (Mill Attendant's House or Bruce House) originally sited near the mill but relocated to the northwest near Stouffville Road.

The timber-frame mill that stands today was erected in 1858 next to the original Caspar Sherk flour mill by Robert and William Bruce, who named it for their ancestral home near Carrick Scotland. The mill expanded over time and transitioned from wheel to turbine power before 1900. Alexander Bruce ran the mill until 1961, when it was purchased by the Toronto and Region Conservation Authority, by which time it was associated with farming operations. The Bruce House, possibly Alexander Bruce's principal residence, also has design or physical value for its unique Gothic Picturesque cottage style and the craftsmanship of its decorative elements.

The mill, and its associated remnant elements, represent a formative period in the history of Ontario's agricultural and industrial development. The property is directly connected to the Bruce family, who as millers, were important drivers of the area's economic development as well as leaders in the Presbyterian Church, local government, and local business.

The full Statement of Cultural Heritage Value and Description of Heritage Attributes can be found online at <http://www.townofws.ca/en/town-hall/News-and-Public-Notices.aspx> or viewed in person at Town Hall (Clerks office), 111 Sandiford Drive, Whitchurch-Stouffville, Ontario, L4A 0Z8, during regular business hours.

Written Notice of Objection

Any person may, within 30 days after the date of the publication of the Notice, serve written notice of their objections to the proposed designation, together with a statement for the objection and relevant facts.

Dated at Whitchurch-Stouffville, this 11th day of February 2020.



Gillian Angus-Traill, Town Clerk,
Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville
Stouffville, Ontario

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