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Notice of Intention to Designate

TAKE NOTICE that the Council for the Town of Caledon intends to designate the following property as being of cultural heritage value or interest under Section 29 of the *Ontario Heritage Act*, R.S.O. 1990, Chapter O.18:

552 The Grange Side Road

PIN: 14267-0056 (LT) – Part of Lot 6, Concession 5 WHS Caledon as in VS320913; Town of Caledon; Regional Municipality of Peel

DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY

The property at 552 The Grange Sideroad is within the southwest part of Lot 6, Concession 5, WHS, Caledon Township, Town of Caledon. This is now a 51.36-acre parcel of land on the north side of The Grange Sideroad and east side of Shaw's Creek Road. It contains a c.1870s farmhouse and barn, laneway, 20th century outbuilding, and mature trees, notably a century old Black Walnut. The 20th century outbuilding was found to be of no heritage merit.

The property is located halfway between the historic villages of Rockside to the south and Belfountain to the north. At the southeast corner of Lot 6, Concession 5, WHS, Caledon, was the historic settlement known as Greenlaw. This settlement was never large enough in population to achieve a post office. In the 19th century, the nearest post office was to the east at the historic hamlet known as The Grange.

STATEMENT OF CULTURAL HERITAGE VALUE OR INTEREST

The property at 552 The Grange Sideroad is 51.36 acres within the southwest half of Lot 6, Concession 5, WHS, Caledon Township, Town of Caledon.

The historical or associative value of this property is found in its direct association from 1818 to at least 1891 with the Michael Baker and Aaron Teeter families. This parcel of land roots to a 200-acre free grant of land in 1818 to Michael Baker, who was the son of a United Empire Loyalist. Baker was both among the first settlers to arrive in Caledon Township and among the first settlers to be of American-German culture in the township. As a daughter of a United Empire Loyalist, in 1818 his spouse Catharine (Frank) received the abutting Lot 7 as a free grant. Typical of settler families and particularly of those with Germanic ancestry, the Bakers and their sons clustered their separate households within these shared lots. In 1869, the elderly Michael allocated the southwest 50 acres of Lot 6 to his son, Alexander Gordon Baker. At 50 acres, this was a small farm by Ontario standards of 100 to 200 acres and was likely secondary to the needs of this youngest member of the second generation of Bakers in Caledon Township. Gordon sold in 1875 to Aaron Teeter. The Teeters also were early settlers of American-German ancestry in Caledon and nearby Erin Township. The design of the c.1872-1876 bank barn on the property exhibits the Germanic influence of its owner, possibly builder, Gordon Baker or Aaron Teeter.

Due to the loss of the historic integrity and authenticity of the dwelling, the design or physical value of this property rests with the c.1870s timber frame bank barn, the laneway, and the Black Walnut tree. The barn is a unique and representative example of a style, type, and expression of a barn suited to a small acreage farm operation in Ontario. Its gable-roofed, saltbox form is uncommon and likely an adaptation of the larger Pennsylvania-German/Swiss German bank barns with a forebay that provides an overhang. It was built c.1872-1876 by or for farmer-carpenter Alexander Gordon Baker or farmer Aaron Teeter, both of American-German ancestry. The dressed, red sandstone quoins in the otherwise basic rubblestone foundation is an example of the use of this locally available material and representative of the importance of the quarrying industry in the southwestern part of Caledon Township at that date. The evolution in the siding, framing, openings, and foundation is typical of the maintenance and repair required to keep these barns serviceable.

The long, north/south laneway between the dwelling and the road allowance, in this case The Grange Sideroad, is typical of a traditional farm lane. The Black Walnut tree in the front yard is representative of the pre 1930s period when this nut bearing species was planted on site for harvest as a winter food source.

Contextually, this property is important in defining, maintaining or supporting the rural agricultural character of this area. It is physically, functionally, visually, and historically linked to its surroundings as a 50-acre parcel of land severed in 1869/1872 from the homestead farm of Michael Baker.

DESCRIPTION OF HERITAGE ATTRIBUTES

The heritage attributes of this property are the saltbox form, 50 ft. by 36 ft., timber frame bank barn, the laneway, and the Black Walnut tree in the front yard. For the reasons given in the Statement of Cultural Heritage Value or Interest, the barn, laneway, and Black Walnut tree support the historical or associative, design or physical, and contextual values of this property. The principal characteristics of these attributes are as follows:

Barn

- Saltbox shape formed by a main, gable roofed section and a lean-to type extension on the south side
- 50 ft. by 36 ft. dimension
- Vertical board siding
- Square nails and vertical board siding evident under the siding of the modern lean-to on the north side
- Medium pitched gable roof
- Wood frame with mortise and tenon joinery and round logs, squared timbers, and dimensional lumber used in the framing
- Plank flooring
- Pole rafters and plank roof sheathing
- All window and door openings related to its function as a barn, including the wood lintels
- Original rubblestone walls and large base boulders
- All red sandstone, notably forming the quoins of the foundation

- Original builder's hardware (hinges, locks, etc.)
- Placement against a natural slope rising to the north

Laneway

- The existence of a north/south laneway between the east side of the dwelling and The Grange Sideroad road allowance

Black Walnut Tree

- The century old Black Walnut tree on the east side of the laneway to The Grange Sideroad, in the front yard of the dwelling

Contact

Any person may, within thirty days of the publication of this notice, serve the Clerk notice of their objection to the proposed designation in accordance with the *Ontario Heritage Act*, setting out the reason for the objection and all relevant facts.

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