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March 25, 2021

VIA COURIER

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

Dear Sirs/Madames:

**Subject: Notice of Intention to Designate
Featherstone Parkette at 307 Ironside Drive, Oakville**

Enclosed please find the Notice of Intention to Designate served upon you in accordance with subsection 29 of the *Ontario Heritage Act*, R.S.O. 1990, c. O.38.

Sincerely,

Francesca Piazza
Legislative Coordinator

Encls.

cc: V. Tytaneck Town Clerk
D. Perlin, Assistant Town Solicitor
D. Childs, Manager, Policy Planning, Planning Services
C. Van Sligtenhorst, Heritage Planner

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NOTICE OF INTENTION TO DESIGNATE

On March 8, 2021, 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:

Featherstone Parkette
307 Ironside Drive, Oakville, Ontario
Block 303, Plan 20M1198 Town of Oakville

Description of Property

The Featherstone Parkette property is known municipally as 307 Ironside Drive. It is a town-owned park in north Oakville located on the north side of Ironside Drive, east of George Savage Avenue and north of North Park Boulevard. The property contains a shade structure constructed out of remnants of the historic Featherstone barn, previously located at 145 Burnhamthorpe Road West.

Statement of Cultural Heritage Value or Interest:

Design and Physical Value

The Featherstone Park is considered to have cultural heritage value for the salvaged materials used in the construction of the shade structure. These materials are remnants of a representative example of a late 19th century bank barn. Originally located on the Featherstone family farm on the southern half of Lot 17, Concession 2 NDS, the barn was likely built in the late 19th century under John and Marion Featherstone's ownership. The gable-roofed barn had a 3 bay by 3 bay plan with two circular hoists in the centre bay to provide a mechanism for lifting hay to the upper level. The framing was of sawn lumber, combined with hand-hewn timbers salvaged from earlier barns. The foundation walls were constructed of local lake stone and the walls were clad in painted vertical barn board. Typical of bank barns, the upper level contained an open space for straw and hay storage and a granary, and the lower level contained stables and pens for the livestock.

Historical and Associative Value

The salvaged materials in the shade structure are also considered to have historical and associative value because they are directly associated with the Featherstone family, a well-known farming family in Trafalgar Township. The Featherstones farmed the land on Lot 17 from 1844 until the early 21st century. In addition to farming the land, they set up a saw mill and cut and sold lumber on the property. William Featherstone, who owned the farm from 1899 to 1934, served as Mayor of Oakville, local councillor and as Worshipful Master of the Oakville Masonic Lodge.

Description of Heritage Attributes:

Key attributes of the property which embody the cultural heritage value of the Featherstone Parkette include the following attributes, as they relate to the shade structure:

- Stone used in the construction of the north wall; and
- Wood barnboard used in the construction of the roof.

Any objection to this designation must be filed no later than April 19, 2021. 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 Carolyn Van Sligtenhorst, heritage planner at 905-845-6601, ext. 3870 (TTY 905-338-4200), or by email at carolyn.van@oakville.ca.

The last date to file a notice of objection is April 26, 2021.