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February 3, 2023

Via Registered Mail and Email

Ms. Erin Semande
Ontario Heritage Trust
Heritage Programs and Operation
10 Adelaide Street East
Toronto, Ontario M5C 1J3

Dear Ms. Semande,

RE: Notice of Intention to Designate 30 Properties to be of Cultural Heritage Value or Interest in the Town of Aurora

Please find attached the Notices of Intention to Designate for each of the 30 properties that were resolved by the Council of the Town of Aurora on June 21, 2022, to become designated. These Notices include a statement explaining the Cultural Heritage Value or Interest and a description of the heritage attributes for each property.

The 30 properties are as follows with each Notice of Intention to Designate attached:

16 Reuben Street	16-18 Mosley Street	17 Wellington Street East
19 Mosley Street	21 Machell Avenue	21 Victoria Street
31 Tyler Street	33 Mosley Street	35 Metcalfe Street
36 Wells Street	41 Wellington Street East	42 Wellington Street East
50 Mill Street	50 Tyler Street	50 Wellington Street East
53 Mosley Street	53 Wellington Street East	55 Metcalfe Street
56-58 Mosley Street	57 Mosley Street	68 Mosley Street
71 Tyler Street	73 Kennedy Street West	73 Wellington Street East
77 Wellington Street East	79 Victoria Street	81 Tyler Street
1978 Vandorf Sideroad	14314-14378 Yonge Street	15800 Yonge Street

The Town's Heritage Advisory Committee was also consulted, including through the meeting held on Monday, May 2, 2022. The Notices also outline the objection process, and pursuant to Section 29(3) of the *Ontario Heritage Act*, they will be published in a newspaper having general circulation in the municipality (The Auroran) and will also be served to each property owner.

Yours sincerely,

Michael de Rond
Town Clerk

Attach.

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- c. Adam Robb, Senior Planner, Planning and Development Services

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NOTICE OF INTENTION
TO DESIGNATE 17 WELLINGTON STREET EAST

TAKE NOTICE THAT the Council of The Corporation of the Town of Aurora intends to designate the following property as a property of Cultural Heritage Value or Interest pursuant to the provisions of Section 29 of the *Ontario Heritage Act*, R.S.O. 1990, c. O.18, as amended. A statement of reasons is included.

17 Wellington Street East
The Henry Machell House
LT 147 PL 246 AURORA; PT LT 1 E/S YONGE ST PL 68 AURORA AS IN
B24407B, EXCEPT PT 4 65R7040; AURORA
PIN: 036510008

Description of Property

The property known municipally as 17 Wellington Street East is located on the south side of Wellington Street East, just east of Yonge Street. The property is a representative example of a 2 storey Georgian dwelling constructed circa 1861 for Henry Machell. The property is located within the historically significant Machell’s Corners area around Yonge and Wellington Streets. What is now Aurora was originally known as “Machell’s Corners” until it was renamed to Aurora in 1853. The building is a rare example of one of the few surviving pre-confederation houses in Aurora.

Statement of Cultural Heritage Value or Interest

17 Wellington Street East is of Cultural Heritage Value or Interest based on its design and physical value, historical and associative value, and contextual value.

Design and Physical Value:

The property is a representative example of a 2 storey Georgian dwelling constructed circa 1861 as a very early example of the building form and architectural style in Aurora. The building has unique craftsmanship and design due to its symmetrical façade oriented to Wellington Street East. Further artistic merit is exemplified through the front elevation with 3-bay façade and central entrance including wood framed window openings, louvered wood shutters, and the central door opening with pilasters, entablature, and wood framed transom and sidelights. The property is considered one of the best original examples of the Georgian style in Town.

Historical and Associative Value:

The building was constructed for Henry Machell in circa 1861, who resided in the house until his death in 1901. Members of the Machell family are important in the settlement and development of Aurora in the early to mid 19th century. What is now Aurora was originally known as “Machell’s Corners” until it was renamed Aurora in 1853. Henry Machell (b. 1825, d. 1901) was the son of Richard Machell (b. 1793, d. 1868), who was an early Euro-Canadian settler and original merchant for Aurora. Henry Machell took over the family business after the death of his father, and was invested in several businesses in the area including a hotel, livery, and general store. This early establishment of the area as a destination for commerce and activity was instrumental in shaping the establishment of Aurora.

Contextual Value:

The property is integral in supporting the character of the Aurora downtown and the original Machell’s Corners. The building itself has a visual link with the other buildings along the south side of Wellington Street East, namely 21 and 25 Wellington Street East, which share a similar scale, massing, orientation and style and collectively add contextual value as part of establishing the heritage built form and streetscape of the area. The building is physically, functionally,

visually and specifically historically linked to its surroundings within this downtown core area.

Description of Heritage Attributes

The following provides a description of heritage attributes for the property which contribute to the reasons for which the property is of Cultural Heritage Value or Interest. Important to the preservation of the property are the original key attributes of the building that express its value, which include:

Exterior Elements

- overall 2 storey scale and massing with side gabled roof and return eaves
- All original window and door openings including the louvered shutters and front elevation 3-bay façade and central entrance as part of the Georgian architectural style
- Red brick chimney at the west end of the roof peak (note that any original cladding that is uncovered should also be recognized as important to the preservation of the property)
- Central door opening moulding and trim including pilasters, entablature and wood framed transom and sidelights

Notice of objection to this notice of intention to designate the property may be served on the Clerk of the Town of Aurora within 30 days after the date of publication of the notice of intention to designate in the local newspaper. This notice of objection must set out the reason for the objection and all relevant facts. If a notice of objection is received, the Council of the Town of Aurora shall consider the objection and make a decision whether to withdraw the notice of intention to designate the property or not.

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