



An agency of the Government of Ontario



Un organisme du gouvernement de l'Ontario

This document was retrieved from the Ontario Heritage Act Register, which is accessible through the website of the Ontario Heritage Trust at **[www.heritagetrust.on.ca](http://www.heritagetrust.on.ca)**.

---

Ce document est tiré du registre aux fins de la *Loi sur le patrimoine de l'Ontario*, accessible à partir du site Web de la Fiducie du patrimoine ontarien sur **[www.heritagetrust.on.ca](http://www.heritagetrust.on.ca)**.



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.

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

Corporate Services  
Michael de Rond  
Town Clerk

905-726-4771  
mderond@aurora.ca

Town of Aurora  
100 John West Way,  
Box 1000, Aurora, ON L4G 6J1



**NOTICE OF INTENTION  
TO DESIGNATE 33 MOSLEY STREET**

**RECEIVED**  
2023/02/03  
(YYYY/MM/DD)  
Ontario Heritage Trust

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.

33 Mosley Street  
Mechanics Hall  
Pt Lt 5 S/s Mosley St Plan 68 Aurora As In R271476; Town of Aurora  
PIN: 036510082

**Description of Property**

The property known municipally as 33 Mosley Street is located on the southeast corner of Mosley Street and Victoria Street. The property contains a historic institutional building constructed in 1870 and referred to as “Mechanics Hall”, which was a key cultural centre for the Town.

**Statement of Cultural Heritage Value or Interest**

33 Mosley Street 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 building was originally constructed in the Gothic Revival architectural style with a low pitched gable roof, rough stone foundation and buff brick in clad. Particularly unique are the rows of double-paned windows that meet Victoria Street along the west elevation, as well as the corresponding window trim and moulding with pediments and sills. The front vestibule, chimney and circular gable vent / quatrefoil window all display unique character elements of the period of construction.

**Historical and Associative Value:**

The building was constructed in 1870 as the home of the Aurora Mechanics Institute and Library Association, which originated in 1855 as the Association for the Diffusion of Helpful Knowledge. Mechanics Institutes were built to act as combinations of a community college and technical library, providing education and opportunity for interested minds. In this post-Confederation era of optimism and opportunity, particularly for Aurora as a growing Town in the Canadian landscape, the Mechanics Institute provided an opportunity for all residents to access books, workshops and pursue invention and innovation. The Hall was also used for lectures and concerts, which helped to raise money for the Aurora Overseas Auxiliary in support of local area troops stationed overseas in during World War I. By 1895 the Institute became a freely-circulating public library, with the Town of Aurora then purchasing the property in 1921. The property was since used by the Aurora Textiles establishment, and was rented by the Aurora Lions Club. Today the building is home to the Holy Forty Martyrs of Sebaste Romanian Orthodox Church. The subject property has strong association with the original development of the Town and is an important location as a community and cultural centre.

**Contextual Value:**

The property defines, maintains and supports the character of the historic Aurora centre. The property is located in the southeast Old Aurora community area and is a visually and historically linked part of the streetscape and connected to numerous other properties in the area. Infantry of the York Rangers would frequently march past the Mechanics Hall as war efforts during World War I heightened. The Mechanics Hall was also a central gathering location in close proximity to the historic Town Park, as well as to the early Machell’s Corners at

Yonge and Wellington Streets. The intersection of Mosley and Victoria Streets itself also marks a unique public realm for the Town, with three of the intersecting corners representing key historic and institutional buildings – the Presbyterian Church at the northeast, Victoria Hall at the southwest, and the Mechanics Hall at the southeast. The building is important in defining and maintain the character of this area and can also be considered a landmark, particularly as part of the key intersection of the aforementioned Mosley and Victoria Streets.

### **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 single storey scale with large massing constructed of brick
- Low pitched gable roof with quatrefoil window
- All window openings located on the west elevation with pediments and sills visible along Victoria Street
- Front elevation chimney
- Front entrance including the vestibule

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.

Michael De Rond  
Town Clerk  
Town of Aurora, 100 John West Way, Box 1000, Aurora, ON, L4G 6J1  
[mderond@aurora.ca](mailto:mderond@aurora.ca)

For any other inquiries, please contact:

Adam Robb, MPL, MCIP, RPP, CAHP  
Senior Planner, Development/Heritage  
Planning and Development Services  
[arobb@aurora.ca](mailto:arobb@aurora.ca)  
365-500-3104