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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.

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

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## NOTICE OF INTENTION TO DESIGNATE 50 MILL STREET

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.

50 Mill Street  
The Collis House  
Part Lot 1 Plan 30 as In R648892; Town of Aurora  
PIN: 036520018

### Description of Property

The property known municipally as 50 Mill Street is located on the west side of Mill Street, just north of Tyler Street in the southwest Old Aurora neighbourhood. The property was constructed circa 1891 and is a representative example of a late Victoria style dwelling.

### Statement of Cultural Heritage Value or Interest

50 Mill 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 property is a representative example of a 2 storey late Victorian style dwelling, constructed over approximately 130 years ago in the late 19<sup>th</sup> century. The building includes several features indicative of its period of construction and high craftsmanship and detail, including the two moderately pitched front gabled roofs with decorative brickwork and central entry with protruding bays on either side. The building also features highly decorative brick dentils and voussoirs over the windows and ornate moulding and detail around the front entrance including the transom window. The building is a rare and well-preserved example of a late Victorian style dwelling with exceptional design detail and character.

#### Historical and Associative Value:

The building was constructed circa 1891 and is particularly notable as the former home of Walter Collis, who was instrumental in Town as the founder of Collis Leather, a major local employer. Collis Leather operated a tannery around the corner from the subject property along Tyler Street. The tannery operation existed for several decades and was a key employer and economic generator for the Town. After Walter Collis' death in 1915, the property remained in the Collis family until at least 1937. The property helps contribute to our understanding of the development of the Town through the association with the Collis family.

#### Contextual Value:

The property defines, maintains and supports the historic character of the Aurora core and downtown area. The building provides a significant link to the early growth and economic development of the Town, particularly in relation to the Collis Leather operation and the Collis family. The building is physically and historically connected to the surrounding area, as it is in very close proximity to the site of the Collis Leather tannery, where Walter Collis chose to live close to where his business operated.

### 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 of buff/yellow brick construction fronting on Mill Street
- All decorative brickwork, including brick dentils and voussoirs
- Hipped roofline with moderately pitched paired gables at front elevation
- Original window openings including the central bay window at the second storey
- Main central entrance and windows, creating a 3 bay façade
- Generous setback from the street.

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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