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Via Registered Mail and Email

Ms. Erin Semande
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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

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO DESIGNATE 55 METCALFE 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.

55 Metcalfe Street
The Bowman House
Part Lot 8 S/s Metcalfe Street Plan 68 Aurora As In R451156 Except
R608020; Town of Aurora
PIN: 036480108

Description of Property

The property known municipally as 55 Metcalfe Street is situated at the south-west corner of the intersection of Wells Street and Metcalfe Street. The property includes a dwelling constructed circa 1875 in the Gothic Revival Cottage architectural style.

Statement of Cultural Heritage Value or Interest

55 Metcalfe 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 1.5 storey brick dwelling constructed in the Gothic Revival Cottage architectural style. The dwelling includes features indicative of its period of construction and high craftsmanship and detail, including the side gabled roof and steeply pitched front elevation gable, the ornate front entrance and porch/verandah and original window openings and trim details. The building is a very early representative example of the architectural style, particularly as a corner lot with significant views from the public realm.

Historical and Associative Value:

The building was constructed circa 1875, over approximately 145 years ago. The building was originally constructed by George Harrison, who owned a local sawmill and lumber business. The property derives its name from the members of the Bowman family who owned the property from 1929 to 2019, for 90 consecutive years. Merle B. Bowman was married to Hugh A. Bowman, who was an insurance agent by trade and also served as Town Councillor in 1933. The property helps contribute to our understanding of the development of the Town post Confederation, and is also directly associated with a significant family.

Contextual Value:

The property defines, maintains and supports the historic character of the Southeast Old Aurora neighbourhood. In particular, the building orientation as a corner lot at the intersection of Wells Street and Metcalfe Street, and also directly across from the historic Town Park, make the property significantly linked to its surroundings. Again due to the corner orientation the property has a significant view from the public realm and can be considered a landmark.

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 1.5 storey brick construction with side gabled roof and steeply pitched front elevation gable
- Original window opening within the front elevation gable
- Original window openings at the first and second storey at the east and north elevations which are visible from the public realm

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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