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April 24, 2023

The Ontario Heritage Foundation  
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VIA: **COURIER**

To Whom It May Concern:

**RE: Heritage Designation - 76 King Street, Milton, ON**

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Pursuant to Section 29, Subsection 3 of The Ontario Heritage Act, R.S.O. 1990, c. O. 18, as amended, enclosed is a "Notice of Intention to Designate" the building at the above address, as being of cultural heritage value or interest.

Should you have any questions with respect to this matter, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned.

Yours truly,

Greta Susa  
Coordinator, Legislative and Legal Services  
Corporate Services Department  
Legislative & Legal Services Division

Encl.

cc: Heritage Milton  
Anthony Wong, Planner

IN THE MATTER OF THE ONTARIO HERITAGE ACT, R.S.O. 1990, c.O. 18, as amended, AND IN THE MATTER OF the lands and premises at the following municipal address in the Province of Ontario.

## NOTICE OF INTENTION TO DESIGNATE

TAKE NOTICE THAT THE Council of the Corporation of the Town of Milton intends to designate the property at the following municipal address as a property of cultural heritage value or interest under Part IV of the *Ontario Heritage Act, R.S.O. 1990, c. O. 18*, as amended.

### Municipal Address:

76 King Street, Milton, ON L9T 1J7, Lot 5 Block 6 of Foster Survey (Plan No.7), Town of Milton, Regional Municipality of Halton.

### Reasons For The Proposed Designation:

#### Description of Property

The Thomas Ford House, located in historical Downtown Milton, is a one-and-a-half-storey frame house that is an excellent representative example of vernacular Victorian domestic architecture.

#### Statement of Cultural Heritage Value and Interest

Its cultural heritage value lies in its architectural and design significance as a representative example of Ontario Style Victorian architecture with Gothic Revival detailing. It also has historical and associative significance as the home of Thomas Ford and his family. Contextually, the house is one of the earliest houses built in Hugh Foster's 1854 plan of subdivision, one of the very early subdivisions in Milton.

#### Design Value or Physical Value

The Thomas Ford house is an excellent representative example of vernacular Victorian domestic architecture. It was built in 1888. This house is one of Milton's best examples of a distinctive Ontario-style Victorian Gothic Revival house. It is similar to the "Ontario House" or "Ontario Cottage" that was widely publicized in magazines, such as the "Canadian Farmer" magazine in the mid-19th Century.

The gable dormer for this house included an arched or lancet window with associated trim to emphasize its peak. It is the arched form that referenced details of the medieval Gothic style of architecture, which gave rise to its name Gothic Revival style of architecture.

#### Historical Value

Thomas Ford owned the house at 76 King Street from 1888. He died in 1940. Thomas Ford drove the hay wagon used by Henry Peacock and Palmer Book. He delivered all the parcels from Eaton & Simpson that were too large for the post office right to the door. Thomas Ford received \$1 daily for his services to the Canadian Pacific Express agents.

The house has remained occupied by different generations of the Ford family till the present day. Although a fire occurred in the house in 2012, it received a Heritage award from the town in 2020 for its conservation efforts.

#### Contextual Value

This property also has contextual significance and is among the earliest houses built in Hugh Foster's 1854 plan of subdivision, Foster Survey (Plan No. 7). It is one of the very early subdivisions in Milton that were created even before Milton was incorporated as a Town in 1857.

#### Character Defining Elements/Heritage Attributes

Key heritage attributes important to the preservation of the Thomas Ford house at 76 King Street are the following character-defining elements/heritage attributes:

- The original form, rooflines and massing of the one-and-a-half-storey house exterior (except for the addition).
- Medium Gable roof with central façade gable
- Gable Dormer with arched or lancet window with associated trim
- Open veranda with moulded wood trim and Doric piers.
- Central three-panel entrance door with shaped glass and thin wood trim
- Two over two windows with trims on the front facade
- Original wood cladding (with horizontal orientation and V-groove joint)
- Double Hung pine windows and door elements of the original house (front and sides of the main block), including their pedimented heads.

ANY PERSON MAY, within thirty (30) days of the publication of this notice, send by registered mail or deliver to the Clerk of the Corporation of the Town of Milton, notice of his or her objection to the proposed designation together with a statement of the reasons for the objection and all relevant facts. If such a Notice of Objection is received by May 6, 2023, the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Milton shall refer the matter to the Local Planning Appeal Tribunal for a hearing.

**DATED AT MILTON this 6th day of April, 2023.**

Meaghen Reid, Town Clerk

The Corporation of the Town of Milton

150 Mary Street

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