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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 79 VICTORIA 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.

79 Victoria Street  
Trinity Anglican Church  
Lt 1 N/s Metcalf St PI 68 Aurora; Lt 2 N/s Metcalf St PI 68 Aurora; Lt Trinity Church PI 68 Aurora ; Lt 3 N/s Metcalf St PI 68 Save & Except 1 65r9945;  
Town of Aurora  
PIN: 036510095

Description of Property

The property known municipally as 79 Victoria Street is located at the northeast corner of Victoria Street and Metcalfe Street within the community known as Southeast Old Aurora. The property is home to the Trinity Anglican Church, which is considered one of the earliest and finest examples of Gothic Revival church architecture in Aurora and York Region. The property is of cultural heritage value and interest based on the church and rectory.

Statement of Cultural Heritage Value or Interest

79 Victoria 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 displays an extremely high degree of craftsmanship and design detail, with the church being an excellent, unique, and well-preserved example of the Gothic Revival architectural style. The rectory was constructed circa 1862 and is also one of Aurora's oldest buildings. The existing church building was constructed in 1884, and features unique yellow/buff brick construction, an ornate bell tower including all features of the Gothic Revival style including brick buttresses and pointed spires, decorative brickwork with arches and dentils, lancet window openings, stained glass windows and transoms, trefoil windows with sills and voussoirs, and angular gables. The rectory building also features unique Regency architectural elements, including the hipped roof, three bay façade, wood frame door opening with sidelights and transom, and the covered verandah. Together, both building contribute significantly to the streetscape and share a spatial, historical and visual relationship on the property and to the community at large. The buildings are a highly rare and well-preserved example of the styles with exceptional design detail and character.

Historical and Associative Value:

The property is associated with John Mosley's original plan of subdivision for Aurora, with the Mosley family being Anglicans that helped to facilitate the land and establishment of the local Anglican church. The first church building on the property was completed in 1846 by James Bosanko and the steeple by Thomas Harris, a local carpenter. The rectory building was constructed circa 1862 and is preserved to today and considered one of Aurora's oldest existing buildings, with it built even prior to Canadian Confederation. As Aurora grew in population, increased church attendance called for a larger building and by 1884 the existing church was built, replacing the first church building. The existing church building was designed by noted architect Marshal B. Aylesworth and constructed by D.S Pickworth. The site has evolved over the past century and more but has continued to remain sympathetic to the site's original character and history. The rectory and church stand as proud testaments to the history and legacy of the Trinity Anglican Church in Aurora, and has direct association as an important

religious institution that yields significant understanding of Aurora's community growth and culture.

#### Contextual Value:

The property defines, maintains and supports the historic character of the Aurora core neighbourhood area. The property is a significant and notable landmark, given its height, spire design, intersection location, and being situated at the termination of Church Street, creating a significant and prominent view of the front elevation of the historic building. The property also yields significance to the local community, acting as a central hub for socio-religious activities. The buildings and history of the property provide a significant link to the early development and growth of the Town.

#### 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

###### a) Gothic Revival Church:

- Overall scale and massing of yellow/buff brick construction with front end gabled roof and bell tower
- Bell tower, including all features indicative of the Gothic Revival style including brick buttresses and pointed spires, a centrally positioned spire with gables and shutters, all decorative brickwork with arches and dentils, and all lancet/arched window openings
- Historic church entrance within the bell tower, with lancet opening, stained glass transom, columns inset within the brick on either side of the door, and existing wood door
- All original window openings and windows, and all original door openings with trefoil windows complete with sills and voussoirs
- All brick buttresses
- All stained glass windows
- Chimney located at the north elevation
- All wood trim work, including details within the eaves and spindle brackets
- Location in-situ with orientation towards Victoria Street and views along Church Street
- Spatial, historical and visual relationship with the church rectory
- Setting, complete with mature trees, gardens and landscaped open space

###### b) Rectory:

- Overall two storey massing of brick construction
- Hipped roof
- Three bay façade with central front entrance
- Front entrance wood framed door opening, complete with sidelights and transom
- All original window and door openings
- Front elevation verandah, complete with wood support posts and railing
- Generous front yard setback and spatial, historical and visual relationship with the church building

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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