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**Re: Notice of Intent to Designate 11151 Keele Street pursuant to Part IV, Section 29 of the *Ontario Heritage Act*.**

**INTENT TO DESIGNATE UNDER THE ONTARIO HERITAGE ACT**

Please take notice that the Council of the Corporation of the City of Vaughan intends to designate for reasons of cultural heritage value or interest, pursuant to Part IV, Section 29 of the *Ontario Heritage Act* the property municipally described as **11151 Keele Street** in the City of Vaughan, in the Province of Ontario.

**REASONS FOR PROPOSED DESIGNATION**

11151 Keele Street was first identified as a potential heritage property in a 1976 Town of Vaughan review of potential heritage properties. In 2003, it was purchased by the City of Vaughan and was formally Listed by the City in 2005. There was no formal heritage evaluation of the property at the time of acquisition, likely as the property was considered to be in excellent condition and the municipal use of the property as a headquarters for Vaughan Soccer Club did not significantly impact the heritage attributes of the structure.

11151 Keele Street represents physical heritage value as one of the early surviving stone farmhouses in Vaughan. The fieldstone house is built in the vernacular Georgian style, with a surviving "L" shaped form with a 1-storey tail built into the north and east elevation. It is also unique in that it is a 2-storey stone house, not a 1 1/2 storey stone house. The house was built between 1852-1859 and is identified as a "2 storey stone house" in the 1861 Census of Canada.

11151 Keele Street has historical association as the home of two significant families – the William Devlin family and the Cook family who came to Vaughan in the 1850's and 1830's respectively. The Devlin family constructed the stone house in the 1850's, likely with the services of Henry Burton, local stone mason. They operated a successful farm, and William Devlin also served as a Justice of the Peace, local Council member and legal advocate. The Cook family arrived in Vaughan in the 1830's and George T. Cook was the son of Thomas Cook, an entrepreneurial family that settled in Carville and responsible for the operation of mills, stores, and post offices in Vaughan, in addition to farming. The George T. Cook family continued to farm in the area and be significantly involved in the community, particularly in education. His son Heber D. Cook was also noted in the local paper as being a "water diviner" capable of discerning the best spots to build a well.

11151 Keele Street has contextual value as it is historically linked to its surroundings and serves as a visible reminder of 19th century European settlement of Vaughan Township and its rural streetscape. The existing landscape of deciduous and coniferous trees, which are visible in the 1954 aerial photos (see attachment 5) particularly along the driveway to the house and to the north side of the house represents a cultural heritage landscape created from the care of its previous landowners.

**FILING A NOTICE OF OBJECTION**

ANY PERSON MAY, within thirty (30) days of the first publication of this Notice, send by registered mail or deliver to the Clerk of the Corporation of the City of Vaughan, a notice of objection to the proposed designation together with a statement of the reasons for the objection and all relevant facts.

Notice of Objections can be served at the following address:

City of Vaughan, City Clerk's Office,  
2141 Major Mackenzie Drive  
Vaughan, ON L6A 1T1

**Additional information**, including a full description of the reasons for designation and minutes of the Heritage Vaughan presentation meeting are available online, or upon request from the Cultural Heritage Division at [CulturalHeritage@vaughan.ca](mailto:CulturalHeritage@vaughan.ca).

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