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**THE TOWNSHIP OF KING  
NOTICE OF INTENTION  
TO DESIGNATE A PROPERTY OF CULTURAL HERITAGE VALUE OR INTEREST  
UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF SECTION 29  
PART IV OF THE ONTARIO HERITAGE ACT, R.S.O. 1990 AS AMENDED**

**TAKE NOTICE** that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of King intends to designate lands and premises described as East half of Lot 9, Concession 6, and municipally known as **13500 Weston Road**, in the Township of King, in the Regional Municipality of York, Province of Ontario, as a property of cultural heritage value or interest under Part IV, S.29 of the *Ontario Heritage Act*, R.S.O. 1990.

**Description of Property**

Located on the west side of Weston Road, south of 15th Sideroad, the property is known municipally as 13500 Weston Road in the Township of King and legally described as East Half of Lot 9, Concession 6.

**Statement of Cultural Heritage Value or Interest**

The property's historical/associative value lies in its association with William Wells, the founder of the community of Strange (originally named Williamstown). The community would be later renamed to Strange to recognize Dr. Frederick William Strange, who was elected by the Conservatives to represent North York and for his efforts in securing a post office for the settlement. This historic one-time community of Strange was an early settlement area in the Township that developed into a small rural community. William Wells acquired the property in 1839 from his father-in law, Richard Machell, who was an early and prominent settler in the Town of Aurora. Following in his father-in-law's footsteps, Wells had plans to establish a Town on and around the subject property. He established a store in 1841 that served the local pioneers with groceries, hardware, boots and shoes and other much needed supplies. Between 1852 and 1853, a decision was made for the railway to be built through Springhill (King City) instead of Strange and Wells had to abandon his hope to establish a Town. While the community never flourished to become a full town or village, Wells was a key figure in the initial development of the community of Strange as his efforts would later assist in the establishment of community life in the form of churches, a school, store, cemeteries, and housing in the area. Wells also served and held multiple local office positions at the Township as Deputy Reeve and Councillor in the 1860's.

The farmhouse at 13500 Weston Road is a representative example of an Ontario Cottage with Neo-classical influences. Ontario Cottage style houses are characterized by a small building constructed by the Owner of a factory or farm intended for the living quarters of individuals or families. Ontario Cottages range from simple and vernacular frame structures to more elaborately detailed examples built of brick or stone and inspired by the Georgian, Neo-classical, Regency and Gothic Revival styles.

The physical/design value of the farmhouse at 13500 Weston Road is displayed by its one-and-a-half-storey height, red-brick construction, side gable roof with paired chimneys, symmetrical three-bay facade and central front entrance and are all characteristic of Ontario Cottages. The neo-classical influence of the farmhouse is seen in the design of the front entrance surround and the multi-lite transom and sidelights.

The farmhouse is a representative or early example of a style, type, expression and material of Ontario Cottages that were found across the Province. It was one of the first houses built in the community of Strange and is an early example of a style and type of farm residential buildings in the area. Design/physical value of the farmhouse is also displayed in the craftsmanship in the front south room and entrance hall which consists of deep wood baseboards with wood paneling and moulded and paneled window surrounds. The level of detail in the craftsmanship of this rooms suggest it was likely used for entertaining guests.

The property has contextual value as the farmhouse contributes to the nineteenth century historic agricultural character of the surrounding area. The area remains dominated by agricultural fields along with their agricultural farmhouses. As the subject property contains one of the first dwellings built in the Community of Strange, it is also historically linked to the community through the remaining buildings that have survived such as but not limited to the Wesleyan Old Methodist Cemetery, St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church and cemetery.

### **Description of Heritage Attributes**

- One-and-a-half storey massing;
- L-shaped footprint including the main block and rear wing of the farmhouse;
- Side gable roof of main block and front gable roof of rear wing;
- Paired red-brick chimneys on the main block of the farmhouse and red-brick chimney on the rear wing;
- Fieldstone foundation;
- Red-brick laid in common bond and Flemish bond patterns;
- Symmetrical three-bay front elevation;
- Central front door with wood paneled door and wood door surround including multi-lite transom and sidelights; and,
- rectangular window openings including six-over-six double hung wood sash windows and two-over-two double hung wood sash windows, wood sills and brick lintels.

The cultural heritage attributes that reflect the Cultural heritage Value or Interest of the farmhouse's excellent craftsmanship include the:

- deep wood baseboards in the entrance hall and south front room
- wood door and window surrounds in the south front room

The cultural heritage attributes that reflect the contextual value of the farmhouse include its:

- location in the Community of Strange; and,
- placement on the subject property and orientation towards Weston Road.

### **Notice of Objection**

Any person wishing to file a notice of objection to the designation must file such notice of objection together with a statement of reasons, with the Township Clerk of the municipality within 30 days (March 6, 2023), after the date of publication of this notice in the King Weekly Sentinel newspaper. Further information respecting the proposed designation is available by contacting Colin Pang, Planner II/Heritage Coordinator at 905-833-4067 or email at [cpang@king.ca](mailto:cpang@king.ca) .

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**Deadline for Objections: March 6, 2023**

Objections should be directed to:

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King City, ON L7B 1A1  
[dtimm@king.ca](mailto:dtimm@king.ca)

Dated on this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of February, 2023.