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## NOTICE OF INTENTION TO DESIGNATE

TAKE NOTICE that the Town of Caledon intends to designate the property at 12542 Airport Road as being of cultural heritage value or interest under Section 29 of the *Ontario Heritage Act*, R.S.O. 1990, Chapter O.18.

### DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY

The property is located on the west side of Airport Road mid-way between Mayfield Road and Old School Road, being part of Lot 20, Concession 6 EHS, within the former geographic Township of Chinguacousy.

### STATEMENT OF CULTURAL HERITAGE VALUE OR INTEREST

The property's design value or physical value relates to the Robinson Farmhouse, a rare and early example of a pre-1851 brick dwelling, representative of a vernacular farmhouse with Neoclassical influences. The farmhouse is one-and-a-half storeys in height, rectangular in plan, with a medium pitched, side gable roof with pediment and end chimneys. It has a symmetrical three-bay front façade with a centre doorway flanked by two windows. Of note, the centre doorway is embellished with a molded wood jamb, a rectangular transom with extant tracery, and sidelights. Although other vernacular examples of similarly styled buildings are present along Airport Road and elsewhere in Chinguacousy Township, the Robinson Farmhouse appears to be the earliest known brick example of this type; as evidenced by the 1851 Census records, at that time the other houses in the vicinity were of log, frame or stone construction. The use of Flemish bond brick patterning on the front and side façades displays a high degree of craftsmanship.

The property has historical value and associative value for the longevity of its association with the Townrow and Robinson families, who settled in Chinguacousy Township in the 1830s-40s. The property represents one of the earliest farmsteads in the area and remained in the ownership of these two related families from 1833 to 1920. The Robinson Farmhouse was built for James and Mary Robinson sometime in the 1840s. The dwelling's unique, south-facing orientation and intact landscape setting demarcated by Salt Creek contributes to the understanding of early farmsteads that were arranged to take advantage of natural landscape features.

The property has contextual value for its contribution in defining, maintaining and visually supporting the rural character Chinguacousy Township. The setting of the Robinson Farmhouse at the east end of the property, buffered by mature vegetation and the natural features of Salt Creek, continues to reflect the rural character that once predominated the area. The property is also physically, functionally, visually, and historically linked to its immediate surroundings and other nearby historic properties. The Robinson Farmhouse faces south towards Salt Creek, a

unique orientation reactive to the natural landscape rather than the more common placement facing the road. The contextual landscape of the Property is intact, including large, mature coniferous trees, mature vegetation along the Salt Creek watercourse, and the remnant historic orchard, still extant to the south and northeast of the house. The setting of the Robinson Farmhouse is virtually unchanged from how it appears in the 1877 Peel County Atlas. It is also historically linked, through genealogical ties and construction materials, to other nearby heritage resources, including the adjacent stone dwelling at 12620 Airport Road.

### **Description of Heritage Attributes**

*Heritage attributes that convey the property's design value and physical value as a rare, early and representative example of Neoclassical architecture:*

#### **Robinson House**

- Rectangular form of dwelling
- One-and-a-half storey massing
- Red brick construction
- Stone foundation
- Medium-pitched gable roof with wood soffits and fascia molding
- 3-bay front (south) façade with a centre doorway flanked by ground floor window openings on each side
- All original window and door trim and detailing, including molded wood jamb around the front centre entrance, sidelights and transom with tracery
- 3-bay rear (north) façade with evenly spaced window openings
- All original door and window openings
- Original six-over-six wood sash windows
- Wood lug windowsills
- Jack arch brick voussoirs
- End gable red brick chimneys
- Basement windows with arched brick voussoirs

*Heritage attributes that convey the property's contextual value in defining, maintaining and supporting the character of the area, and linking it physically, visually and historically to its surroundings:*

- Scale and massing as a single detached, one-and-a-half storey vernacular farmhouse with Neoclassical influences
- South-facing orientation of the dwelling overlooking Salt Creek
- Remnant orchard to the south and northeast of the farmhouse
- Tree-lined access laneway from Airport Road south of the farmhouse

*Attributes of the property that are not considered to be of cultural heritage value or interest, or are otherwise not included in the Statement of Significance:*

- One-storey contemporary frame addition with below-grade garage on the west façade
- Replacement of the original front threshold with concrete
- Modern outbuildings located to the west of the farmhouse in the cleared portion of the property

## **RIGHT TO OBJECT**

Any person may, within thirty days after publication of the notice in the *Caledon Citizen*, dated April 4, 2024, serve the Clerk notice of their objection to the proposed designation in accordance with the *Ontario Heritage Act*, setting out the reason for the objection and all relevant facts.

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