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**RE: 14795 NIAGARA RIVER PARKWAY, GLENCARIN HALL (PART LOT 9,
PLAN 30R-7836, PART 2), Town of Niagara-on-the-Lake
Notice of Intention to Designate
Ontario Heritage Act, Part IV**

Pursuant to the provisions of Section 29(3) (a) (b) of the Ontario Heritage Act, R.S.O. 1990, Chapter 0.18, please find enclosed a copy of:

Intention To Designate 14795 Niagara River Parkway, Glencairn Hall (PART LOT 9, PLAN 30R-7836, PART 2)

Sincerely yours,

Grant Bivol
Town Clerk

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IN THE MATTER OF THE ONTARIO HERITAGE ACT, R.S.O. 1990, CHAPTER 0.18 AND IN THE MATTER OF THE LANDS AT THE FOLLOWING LOCATION IN THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO

TAKE NOTICE that the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Niagara-on-the-Lake intends to designate the property at **14795 NIAGARA RIVER PARKWAY, GLENCAIRN HALL (PART LOT 9, PLAN 30R-7836, PART 2)** as a property of cultural heritage value or interest under Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act, R.S.O. 1990, Chapter 0.18.

Description of Property

The subject property is called the Glencairn Hall and is located near the Queenston urban area on the Niagara River Parkway. The residence has a substantial setback from Niagara River Parkway and is partially visible from the road. The Glencairn Hall is located on a large estate lot. The estate faces the Niagara River on the east and formally designed gardens on the west. The estate is enclosed in a stone boundary wall.

Statement of Cultural Heritage Value or Interest

The property known as the Glencairn Hall has cultural heritage value or interest for its design and physical values, its historical and associative values and its contextual values.

14795 Niagara River Parkway is a representative example of the Greek Revival style. The two-storey residential building features a square plan with a wing addition on the south elevation. Other elements representative of the style includes, the high-pitched truncated hip roof, overhanging eaves with moulded frieze details, rectangular window openings with wooden trim and apron details, the Doric and Ionic columns located on the east elevation, the pair of roman arch window openings above the entryway, red brick chimneys and the stringcourse that runs through all the elevations. It features a typical Greek Revival doorway with a semi-elliptical arched opening, decorative classical cornice and an entablature on the top, it also contains side lights with wooden panels underneath.

Glencairn Hall displays a high degree of craftsmanship or artistic value as seen in the doorway and column details of the house. The doorway features a semi-elliptical arched opening with decorative classical cornice and an entablature on the top. It also contains side lights with wooden panels underneath. The wooden pilasters that vertically separate door and sidelights are also fluted.

The large estate lot has historical and associative value as being the residence of the Hamilton family, constructed by John Hamilton. The Hamilton family had an important presence in the Niagara Region as well as the City of Hamilton. John Hamilton was a businessman from Queenston, he was a member of the legislative council, the senate and the Chairman of the board of trustees of Queen's college. Glencairn Hall is also associated with being the residence of John D. Larkin. Larkin was a prominent businessman from Buffalo and was also the owner of the Larkin Soap Company. Larkin was a close friend and associate of the modernist architect Frank Lloyd Wright who visited Glencairn. Larkin owned multiple farms along the Niagara River Parkway on which he constructed a number of cement workers houses and barns.

The subject property has the potential to yield information that contributes to the understanding of the Greek Revival style resurgence in Canada. Research has yielded information that the integrity

of the Greek Revival house is exceptional and may contribute to a better understanding of the structures and architecture of the early to mid-1800s. The estate is also among the few surviving examples of such style of architecture.

Glencairn Hall was designed by the architect John Latshaw. John was born in America but moved to Canada in 1829. Soon after he was commissioned by Alex Hamilton to design Willowbank (14487 Niagara River Parkway) in 1834. Similar to Glencairn, Willowbank is also designed in Greek Revival style. John Latshaw was one of the first designers to introduce the style in Ontario.

Glencairn Hall lies on the Niagara River Parkway and is important in maintaining the character of the area. It is part of the 'Scenic Route' of Niagara River Parkway. The area majorly comprises of large estate lots and farmhouses with substantial setbacks from the road. The estate lots have winding driveways and landscaped lawns with mature trees.

The subject property is also historically linked to its surroundings. Towards the south of the subject property is a Part IV designated property. It contains a number of buildings that were once part of the Glencairn property including a small stone structure that was used as a schoolhouse, and a large cement carriage house. The property at 14785 Niagara River Parkway also contains the remnants of Vrooman's Battery which is a National Historic Site.

14795 Niagara River Parkway is considered a historical landmark because of its location and vicinity to Vrooman's Battery. Glencairn Hall was placed on a promontory facing the Niagara River in the centre of the original 8-acre estate. The placement of the structure on the tip of the slope was intentional so that it could be visible from the road, the river as well as from across the river. It takes full advantage of its picturesque landscape setting.

Description of Key Heritage Attributes

Key exterior attributes that embody the heritage value of the estate at 14795 Niagara River Parkway in Niagara-on-the-Lake include its:

- Two storeys Greek revival style residence
- White clapboard siding
- Doric and Ionic columns on east elevation
- Decorative entablature on the east elevation
- High pitched truncated hip roof with balustrade roof trim
- Overhanging eaves with moulded frieze
- Four red brick chimneys
- Rectangular window openings
- Pair of Roman arched windows on west elevation with ionic capital details
- Wooden trim surrounds, and wooden sills on window openings
- Stone foundation
- Wooden stringcourse
- Main entryway on west elevation with semi-elliptical arched opening, decorative cornice, entablature, sidelights and fluted wooden pilasters.
- Location along the Niagara River Parkway
- The winding driveway lined with matured trees
- Substantial setback from the road
- Location on a promontory facing the Niagara River
- Historical connection to Vrooman's Battery

Objections

Any objection to this designation must be filled no later than 30 days after the date of publication of the Notice of Intent to Designate. Objections should be directed to Grant Bivol, Town Clerk, 1593 Four Mile Creek Road, Niagara-on-the-Lake, L0S 1T0. The last date to file a notice of objection is **April 5th 2024**.

Queries

Any further queries should be directed to Sumra Zia, Heritage Planner at (905) 468-3266 ext. 327 or through email at sumra.zia@notl.com.

Dated at the Town of Niagara-on-the-Lake this 6th day of March 2024
GRANT BIVOL, CLERK

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