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July 25, 2024

Via Registered Mail and Email

Courtney Kovacich
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Ontario Heritage Trust
10 Adelaide Street East
Toronto, Ontario M5C 1J3

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Dear Ms. Kovacich,

RE: Notice of Intention to Designate 8 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 8 properties that were resolved by the Council of the Town of Aurora on June 25, 2024, 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 8 properties are as follows with each Notice of Intention to Designate attached:

71 Connaught Avenue	15 Kennedy Street West	19 Kennedy Street West
29 Kennedy Street West	77 Spruce Street	80 Spruce Street
139 Temperance Street	59 Tyler Street	

The Town's Heritage Advisory Committee was also consulted, including through the meeting held on July 31, 2023. 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; August 1, 2024 edition) 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, Manager of Policy Planning and Heritage

**NOTICE OF INTENTION
TO DESIGNATE 15 KENNEDY STREET WEST**

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.

15 Kennedy Street West
The Bishop House
Lt 3 PI 131
Town of Aurora
PIN: 03659-0082

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Description of Property

The property known municipally as 15 Kennedy Street West is located on the south side of Kennedy Street West, west of Yonge Street and east of Temperance Street. The property includes a representative example of an Edwardian House constructed circa 1913.

Statement of Cultural Heritage Value or Interest

15 Kennedy Street West 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 is a representative example of a 2.5 storey Edwardian/ Foursquare house. Features indicative of the Edwardian/ Foursquare style include the red brick exterior walls, a verandah with wooden railings and columns, the open gabled roof, generally symmetrical window openings, and stone headers and sills. The house is a good example of the architectural style and adds value to the streetscape based on its craftsmanship.

Historical and Associative Value:

The dwelling was constructed circa 1913, being among several of the houses built by Benjamin Stephenson in the Yonge/Kennedy/Temperance area in the years during and preceding the First World War. The parcel is also located on property that the Crown initially gave to William Kennedy, an early settler. Kennedy Street runs down the middle of his original farm. The house is also the former residence of Elvie Bishop, a local school teacher. The subject property has strong association with the early development of the Town as a growing community. The building helps contribute to our understanding of the development of the Town post-Confederation.

Contextual Value:

The house maintains the character of the area and is important in its visual link to its surroundings along the south side of Kennedy Street. The building defines, maintains and supports this historic core of early Aurora, with its orientation and proximity in particular to Yonge Street also highlighting the early growth context of the Town. The property is visually and historically linked to its surroundings and helps tell the story of the evolution 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

- Overall 2.5 storey Edwardian/ Foursquare scale and massing
- Brick exterior
- Covered verandah
- Open gabled roof
- Window openings with stone headers and sills

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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