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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 71 CONNAUGHT AVENUE**

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.

71 Connaught Avenue
The Johnson House
Lt 89 Pl 120; Pt Lt 90-92 Pl 120 as in AU7159
Town of Aurora
PIN: 03649-0042

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Description of Property

The property known municipally as 71 Connaught Avenue is located on the south side of Connaught Avenue, west of Edward Street and east of Wells Street. The property includes a representative example of an Arts and Crafts dwelling circa 1923.

Statement of Cultural Heritage Value or Interest

71 Connaught Avenue 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 storey Arts and Crafts dwelling. The building itself includes features indicative of its period of construction in the second wave of development of the Southeast Old Aurora neighbourhood area. Features include a front verandah including brick pillars with a pedimented roofline and a front dormer.

Historical and Associative Value:

The building was constructed circa 1923 and is associated with the second wave of development of the Southeast Old Aurora neighbourhood. Further, the property is the former home of Ada and Norman Johnson, who were very prominent citizens within the community. Ada Johnson called Aurora home for over a century and was an active member of the community through the Aurora United Church, Canadian Red Cross, the Cancer Society and through Aurora High School's "Night School". Her many and long-standing contributions to Aurora were recognized by the naming of a park in her honour, the Ada Johnson Park. Norm Johnson served in both World Wars and was a well-respected local teacher and principal. During his teaching career, Norm coached a multitude of sports teams and won numerous championships. The Norm Johnson Hall of Education in the Aurora Sports Hall of Fame is named after him. Norm Johnson was also a local member of the Masonic Lodge and rose to the level of district Deputy Grand Master.

Contextual Value:

The dwelling offers a link to the Town's early growth and development, specifically the second wave of development of the Southeast Old Aurora neighbourhood. The property supports the historic character of the area and is visually linked to its surroundings.

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

- General 2-storey massing
- Front verandah with pedimented roofline and brick pillars
- Front dormer

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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