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**RE: Notice of Intention to Designate Nine (9) Properties within the Town of Essex under Section 29 of the Ontario Heritage Act**

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At their regular meeting on Monday August 12, the Council for the Corporation of the Town of Essex issued a Notice of Intention to Designate nine (9) properties under section 29 of the Ontario Heritage Act. The following is a list of those properties:

1. 21 King Street East (Harrow)
2. 22 King Street West (Harrow)
3. 94 Talbot Street South (Essex Centre)
4. 98 Talbot Street South (Essex Centre)
5. 102 Talbot Street South (Essex Centre)
6. 314 Queen Street (Harrow)
7. 400 County Road 13 (Colchester)
8. Ferriss Cemetery (0 Ferriss Road, Harrow)
9. Gilgal Cemetery (0 County Road 11, Harrow)

Statements of Cultural Heritage Value and Interest for each property has been attached.

**Notice of objection**

A Notice of Objection to the Notice of Intention to Designate may be served on the Clerk of the Town of Essex by **September 30, 2024**. The Notice of Objection must set out the reasons for the objection and all relevant facts.

Yours truly,

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## **APPENDIX A**

### The Ferriss Cemetery

#### **Municipal Address**

0 Ferriss Road, Harrow

#### **Legal Description**

CON 2 PT LOTS 12 13 RP 12R6537 PT PARTS 1 &2

#### **General Description of Property**

The Ferriss Cemetery is located at 0 Ferriss Road, on the east side of Ferriss Road between County Road 20 and the 3<sup>rd</sup> Concession Road. The cemetery is visible from the road and is located in the middle of a large field. It is comprised of the Ferriss Cemetery: a small family cemetery that dates back to the early 19<sup>th</sup> century and houses a few headstones arranged in a cross layout.

#### **Description of Property that has Cultural Heritage Value or Interest**

The area of the property that demonstrates cultural heritage value or interest is the area that includes the cemetery and all existing marked and unmarked burials.

#### **Statement of Cultural Heritage Value or Interest**

##### ***Historical/Associative***

*The property has historical value or associative value because it has direct associations with a theme, event, belief, person, activity, organization or institution that is significant to a community.*

0 Ferriss Road retains significant historical value because it has direct associations with a family that is significant to a community, specifically the Ferriss family, one of the area's original settler families.

The Ferriss family is one of the area's oldest settler families and greatly impacted the development of Harrow and East Harrow, a small farming settlement located around Ferriss Road through the nineteenth century. The Ferriss family is the first to have been recorded TO settle in the area around the 3<sup>rd</sup> Concession, with the cemetery sitting on the family's original farmland.

The land was initially settled by Joseph Ferriss and his wife, Catherine Hahn Ferriss, in the mid-1790's, following the American War of Independence (1775-1783). Some members of the Ferriss Family were taken as captives by British settlers in Upper Canada during the American War of Independence, who organized raids into the United States on behalf of the British Crown.

Alongside this, the Ferriss cemetery would have been in the community known as East Harrow. East Harrow was a small hamlet located at the junction of the Third Concession and Ferriss Rd., and housed a small school, a small Methodist church, and various small shops, such as a grist mill, an inn, and a blacksmith shop. The community fell into decline as Harrow began to grow.

### **Contextual**

*The property has contextual value because it is physically, functionally, visually or historically linked to its surroundings.*

0 Ferriss Road retains contextual value because it is physically and historically linked to its surroundings due to it being the only remaining part of the original Ferriss settlement and the East Harrow settlement. It is located on the original lands of the Ferriss family that was settled by Joseph and Catherine Ferriss.

### **Description of Heritage Attributes**

The key heritage attributes that contribute to the historical/associative value of 0 Ferriss Road includes:

- Its location on the east side of Ferriss Road on the original lands of the Ferriss family,
- All existing burials and headstones,
- The layout of the cemetery.

The key heritage attributes that contribute to the contextual value of 0 Ferriss Road includes:

- Its location on the east side of Ferriss Road on the original lands of the Ferriss family.