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NOTICE OF INTENTION TO DESIGNATE AS A HERITAGE PROPERTY

Take notice that the Council of The Corporation of the Town of Whitby intends to designate the property described below, as a property of cultural heritage value or interest under Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act, R.S.O. 1990.

Ontario County House of Refuge

Generally located on the west side of High St., south of Walnut St., and north of Dundas St. W., on a portion of the property municipally known as 300 High Street, Town of Whitby, Ontario

Refer to attached General Location Sketch.

Reason for Designation

The property meets two or more of the criteria for determining that it is of cultural heritage value or interest under Ontario Regulation 9/06. Council has authorized proceeding with the process to designate the property under Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act.

Statement of Cultural Heritage Value and Interest

The cultural heritage value or interest of the property at 300 High Street. lies in its design and physical, associative, and contextual value.

The four-storey, multi-unit dwelling has design or physical value because it was constructed in the Georgian Revival style between 1901 and 1903 as the County of Ontario's House of Refuge to house the poor and elderly. The 11-bay brick structure, with stone foundations, was designed by a Mr. Miller and was constructed by Thomas Deverell Sr. and Thomas Deverell Jr.

The Ontario County House of Refuge has associative value because it opened on February 11, 1903 and its first residents were Mr. and Mrs. LeBear. By the mid-20th century, demand to house the elderly had increased dramatically and the larger Fairview Lodge was constructed south of the House of Refuge. The property passed into private ownership, to Helen Chatterson, in 1951, only to be expropriated in 1967.

The Ontario County House of Refuge has contextual value because it is historically linked to its surroundings as a key feature that dictated the development of surrounding properties. In 1973, Steve Agh purchased and renovated 300 High St., converting the structure – through a minimal intervention and material re-use approach - into 24 luxury apartments and renaming the property Heritage Estates.

The Ontario House of Refuge is a local landmark as an early-20th century institutional building, the presence of which has influenced the development of its surrounding neighbourhood.

Description of Heritage Attributes

Key attributes related to the Ontario County House of Refuge and its style as a Georgian Revival multi-unit residential building constructed in 1903 include:

- Its location, orientation, scale and massing;
- Its four-storey height;
- Its eleven-bay south façade;
- Its multiple medium front-gable roof;
- The dormers located above the third-storey;
- The symmetrical composition and location of openings when viewed from the south;
- Three single stacked chimneys;
- The location and configuration of the balconies, located along the east, south, and west elevations.

Further information regarding the proposed heritage designation of the Ontario County House of Refuge can be obtained by contacting the Heritage Division of the Town of Whitby Planning and Development Department during regular business hours between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. from Monday to Friday, 905.430.4306, heritage@whitby.ca

Objection

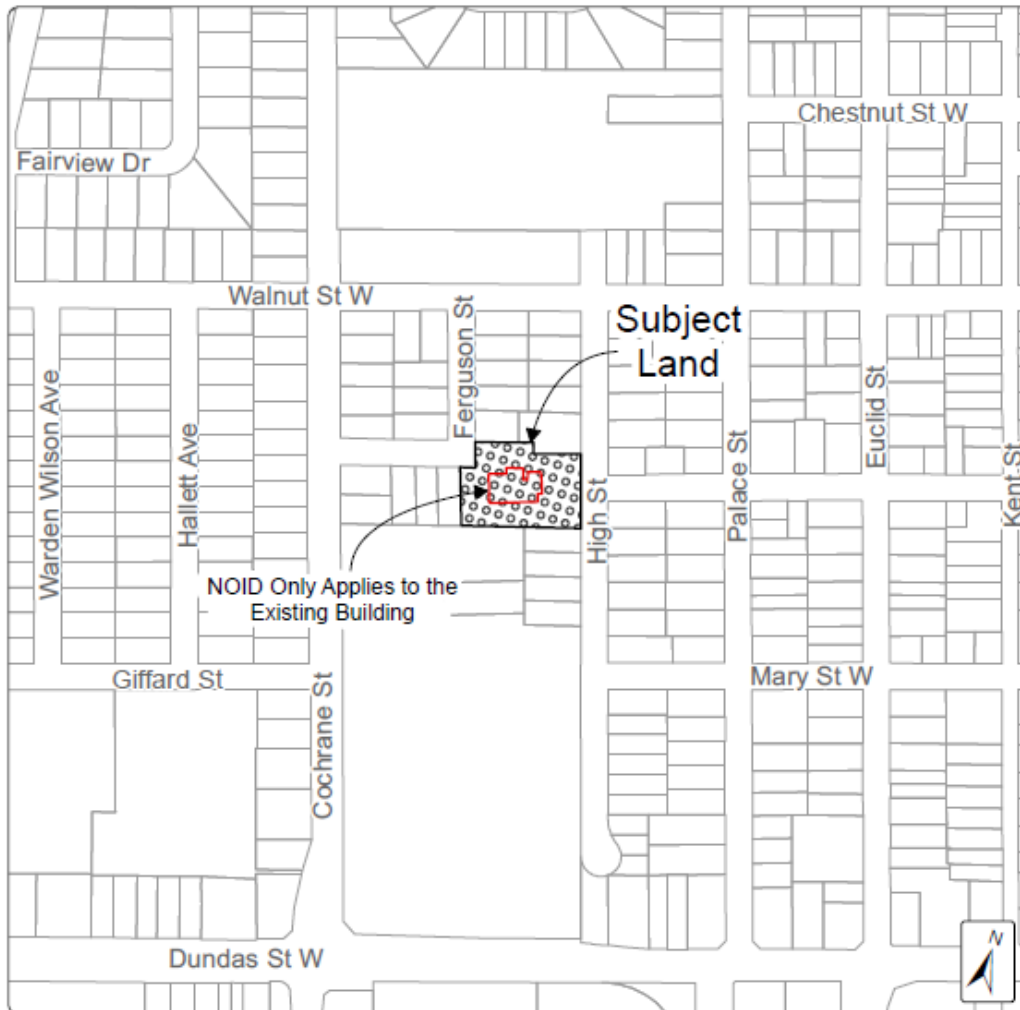
A person who objects to the proposed designation shall, within thirty (30) days after the date of publication of the Notice of the Intention to Designate, serve on the Clerk of the Town of Whitby, a Notice of Objection setting out the reason(s) for the Objection and all relevant facts per Section 29 (5) of the Ontario Heritage Act. Such Objection shall be received no later than 4:00 p.m. on October 11, 2024. If such Notice of Objection is received, the matter will be referred to Council for consideration.

Dated at the Town of Whitby this 11th day of September, 2024.

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General Location Sketch: Ontario County House of Refuge Subject Land



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