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## NOTICE OF INTENTION TO DESIGNATE

TAKE NOTICE that the Town of Caledon intends to designate the property at 1626 Charleston Road as being of cultural heritage value or interest under Section 29 of the *Ontario Heritage Act*, R.S.O. 1990, Chapter O.18.

### DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY

The property is located on the north side of Charleston Sideroad, east of Main Street/Cataract Road in the historic settlement of Cataract. It is within the west half of Lot 16, Concession 3 WHS, former geographic Township of Caledon.

### STATEMENT OF CULTURAL HERITAGE VALUE OR INTEREST

The design value or physical value of the property at 1626 Charleston Sideroad is linked to its dichromatic brick structure, built in 1874 and known as the former Caledon Township S.S. No. 14 Cataract Schoolhouse. Set within its original one-acre lot, the Cataract Schoolhouse is a representative example of rural Ontario one-room schoolhouse designs of the early 1870s. Its one-storey form, rectangular plan, medium pitched gable roof and large side windows are typical of its purpose-built design and continue to display a high degree of architectural integrity. Built in the Ontario Gothic style, the building displays a reasonably high degree of craftsmanship, particularly in its incorporation of Italianate decorative paired wooden brackets under the front façade eaves and tri-segmented arched windows in its front vestibule.

The property has historical value and associative value for its use as a rural schoolhouse for almost 89 years from 1874 to 1963. During this period, the building served as the cornerstone of primary education for students in the Cataract area, and also functioned as a key community social hub.

The property has contextual value for its contribution in defining, maintaining, and supporting the rural character of the area. Visible from the road, the former rural schoolhouse is in proximity to several surviving 19th century farmsteads and the community of Cataract. The property has additional contextual value in being physically, visually and historically linked to its surroundings. Its one-acre lot was typical of rural school sites in the late 19th century, as was the siting of the schoolhouse at the rear of the lot, oriented toward the road. The property continues to be demarcated by mature maple trees, likely planted by pupils.

## DESCRIPTION OF HERITAGE ATTRIBUTES

### Schoolhouse/Dwelling

*Heritage attributes that convey the property's design value and physical value as a representative example of a rural Ontario one-room schoolhouse design of the early 1870s, built in the Ontario Gothic style with Italianate influences:*

- Rectangular form
- One-storey massing
- Medium pitched front facing gable roof
- Gable-end vestibule with gable roof and street-facing entrance
- Symmetrically proportioned and placed four-over-four pane segmental windows on the side and front facades
- Radiating voussoirs and stone lintels
- Red brick cladding
- Buff brick quoins and voussoirs
- 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> century graffiti carved by pupils on the exterior brick walls

Elements which demonstrate the Italianate influences:

- Narrow, vertically-oriented arched 3-pane windows on either side of the vestibule
- Ornate paired wooden brackets under the gable roof eaves of the vestibule and the front end façade of the main structure

*Heritage attributes that convey the property's contextual value in defining, maintaining and supporting the character of the area, and link it physically, visually and historically to its surroundings:*

- Setback from and relationship to Charleston Sideroad
- Mature trees lining the perimeter of the property
- Proximity to other 19<sup>th</sup> century farmsteads and the hamlet of Cataract

*Attributes of the property that are not considered to be of cultural heritage value or interest, or are otherwise not included in the Statement of Significance:*

- Rear, shed-roofed addition
- Rear upper storey windows
- Brick-clad dormers
- Attached garage and breezeway
- Interior features



## RIGHT TO OBJECT

Any person may, within thirty days after publication of the notice on the Town of Caledon website, dated September 26<sup>th</sup>, 2024, serve the Clerk notice of their objection to the proposed designation in accordance with the *Ontario Heritage Act*, setting out the reason for the objection and all relevant facts.

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