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## NOTICE OF INTENTION TO DESIGNATE UNDER THE ONTARIO HERITAGE ACT

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IN THE MATTER OF THE ONTARIO HERITAGE ACT AND IN THE MATTER OF the lands in the Town of Halton Hills known municipally as 12 and 14 Adamson Street North, legally described as "PT LT 11, CON 11 ESQ, AS IN 699558; EXCEPT PTS 1 AND 3 PL 20R20891; S/T 341253; S/T & T/W 415289; HALTON HILLS/ESQUESING", Regional Municipality of Halton, and known as the Noble-Pomeroy House.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Town of Halton Hills intends to designate the property at 12 and 14 Adamson Street North, Norval under Section 29(1), Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act, R.S.O. 1990, Chapter O.18.

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

The property at 12 and 14 Adamson Street North has physical and design value as a representative example of a Vernacular Gothic Revival Style duplex, within the community of Norval. The residence displays many of the key characteristics that define the Gothic revival style including its scale, form, and massing exemplified by its one-and-a-half-storey construction on a rectangular plan, with a symmetrically organized façade mirrored across the two units. The steeply pitched roof features two prominent front-facing gables, each capped with a wooden finial and adorned with wooden gingerbread trim. While the building has been slightly modified over 150 years, the original style, form, and principles remain observable in the modern structure.

The property at 12 and 14 Adamson Street North has historical and associative value as it is directly associated with some of Norval's most prominent residents. Robert Noble, a key figure in the local flour milling industry, developed the nearby mills, which were instrumental in driving Norval's economy and early communal development. His son, Alexander Laing Noble, further modernized the mills, expanding their reach on a national scale. The subject property's connection to mill workers' housing further emphasizes its relationship to the area's industrial heritage and its significance in Norval's social and economic development.

The Pomeroy family, including Roy, William, and Peter Pomeroy, were active and respected members of the Norval community. William and Roy founded the Credit River Boat Company, a vital part of Norval's industrial history, while Peter Pomeroy, later the Mayor of Halton Hills, played a central role in local governance and community initiatives. The property's association with the Mills and the associated worker



accommodations also contributes to an understanding of the community and culture of Norval.

The property at 12 and 14 Adamson Street North holds significant contextual value, contributing to the preservation and definition of the late-nineteenth-century character of the area within the community of Norval. Located near the corner of Adamson Street North and Noble Street, and directly across from the mill dam on the Credit River, the dwelling on the subject property is physically, functionally, visually, and historically linked to its surroundings. The existing building is important in defining and maintaining the character of the area as one of the few workers' residences built to house the families of labourers at the Norval Mills. The extant residence is directly connected to the house immediately south of the subject property, at 12 and 14 Noble Street, a c.1850s dual workers' residence featuring Italianate influences; as well as Robert Noble's 1869 Gothic Revival home east of the subject property. Each of these houses has a direct association with the mills, the Noble family, and the broader Norval community. Like many of the surrounding properties, the dwelling on the subject property maintains much of its original Gothic Revival designs including the finials, bargeboards, gables, and porch detailing.

The heritage attributes of the property are identified as follows:

- The setback, location, and orientation of the existing building within the subject property on the east side of Adamson Street North, parallel to the Credit River;
- The scale, form, and massing of the existing c.1870, one-and-a-half storey
  Gothic Revival residential building with a gable roof and stone foundation;
- The symmetrical organization of the façade;
- The front (west) elevation, including:
  - The steeply pitched cross-gable roof with two prominent front-facing gables,
  - Wooden finials and decorative wooden bargeboard;
  - Flat-headed window opening beneath the gables;
  - Centrally aligned entrances beneath the gable peaks;
  - Four flatheaded window openings on first floor, each flanking an entrance;
    and.
- The side (south and north) elevations, including:
  - The steeply pitched gable ends.

The rear (east) elevation and interiors have not been identified as heritage attributes.

Further information respecting the Statement of Cultural Heritage Value or Interest and proposed designation of 12 and 14 Adamson Street North, Norval (refer to Report PD-



2024-083) is available by contacting Laura Loney, Manager of Heritage Planning for the Town of Halton Hills at 905-873-2600 x 2358 or by email at lloney@haltonhills.ca.

Any person may, by January 12, 2025 (within 30 days after the date of the publication of this notice) serve written notice of objection to the proposed designation with Laura Loney together with a statement for the objection and all relevant facts.

Dated at the Town of Halton Hills this 13<sup>h</sup> day of December 2024.

Laura Loney, Manager of Heritage Planning, Planning and Development, The Corporation of the Town of Halton Hills, 1 Halton Hills Drive, Halton Hills, ON L7G 5G2.

