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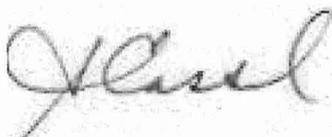
Subject: Notice of Intention to Designate: 5113 Old Brock Road – Forsyth House

Enclosed for your information is notice of the Council of The Corporation of the City of Pickering's intention to designate the property identified above pursuant to Section 29(3) of the *Ontario Heritage Act*, R.S.O. 1990, c. 0.18 and the reasons for designation.

Any person may, within 30 days of the publication of this Notice, send by mail or deliver to the City Clerk, a notice of their objection to the proposed designation together with a statement of reasons for the objection and all relevant facts.

Additional information, including a full description of the reasons for designation is available upon request from Matthew Somerville, Senior Planner, Heritage, Planning, City Development Department at 905.420.6440, extension 1147, or at [msomerville@pickering.ca](mailto:msomerville@pickering.ca) during regular business hours.

Yours truly,



Susan Cassel  
City Clerk

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## **Notice of Intent to Designate Property Of Cultural Heritage Value or Interest**

**Take Notice that the Council of the City of Pickering intends to designate the following property as a property of cultural heritage value or interest under *Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act, R.S.O. 1990, c. 0.18***

**5113 Old Brock Road  
40M2774 Pickering, Ontario**

### **Description of Property**

5113 Old Brock Road is located on the east side of Old Brock Road. The property is located at the northeastern edge of the former Village of Claremont, Pickering.

### **Reason for Designation**

Built in 1916, 5113 Old Brock Road is valued as a fine representative example of an early-twentieth century American Foursquare farmhouse. This is expressed through its square plan, two-storey scale, hipped roof, and varied design details, including the wrap-around verandah with its two-storey frontispiece.

5113 Old Brock Road has historical and associative value for its direct association with G.M. Forsyth, a historically significant municipal leader and farmer in Claremont. Forsyth held many major offices in Pickering Township and the Village of Claremont throughout his political career, culminating in his appointment as Warden of Ontario County in 1923. During his term as Reeve of Pickering Township, he was instrumental in bringing hydroelectric power to Claremont. This association is expressed through the grandeur of the farmhouse and its estate-style landscape treatment.

5113 Old Brock Road has contextual value for defining, maintaining, and supporting a rural character along Old Brock Road in Claremont. Sited on the northern edge of the village, the property's agricultural landscape forms the backdrop to the late-nineteenth-century village fabric. Additionally, the property is considered a local landmark in Claremont.

### **Summary of Attributes for Designation**

Key attributes that express the value of the farmhouse as a fine representative example of an early-twentieth century American Foursquare farmhouse, with eclectic architectural and landscape features are:

- Scale, form and massing of the two-storey house, with its square plan and flat-topped hipped roof;
- Wrap-around verandah, including the two-storey frontispiece, pedimented roof, and Tuscan columns;
- Five-sided single-storey bay window, covered by the verandah.

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- Varied segmental-arch window openings;
- Dormer windows and chimneys protruding from the attic;
- Brick materials, laid in a stretcher bond pattern;
- Front driveway lined with mature trees;
- Raised cut-stone foundation;
- Its location on the east side of Old Brock Road, just north of the village of Claremont;
- Farmhouse, set back from and oriented towards Old Brock Road, with front-yard mature trees; and,
- Siting of the farmhouse atop a landscaped pedestal, marked by a retaining wall and split staircase.

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A copy of the Historical/Architectural Designation Report PLN 29-24 is available in the Clerks Division, Pickering Civic Complex, One The Esplanade, Monday to Friday, 8:30 am to 4:30 pm or by calling 905.420.4611 or by e-mail at [clerks@pickering.ca](mailto:clerks@pickering.ca).

DATED at the City of Pickering this 13<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2024

Susan Cassel, City Clerk  
City of Pickering  
One The Esplanade  
Pickering, ON L1V 6K7