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Planning and Economic Development Department  
Planning Division

February 11, 2025

Ontario Heritage Trust  
Attn: Provincial Heritage Registrar  
10 Adelaide Street East  
Toronto, ON M5C 1J3

Dear Provincial Heritage Registrar:

**Re: Notice of Intention to Designate under Part IV of the *Ontario Heritage Act*  
223 Governor's Road, Dundas (Starfield)**

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The City of Hamilton intends to designate 223 Governor's Road, Dundas, under Section 29 of the *Ontario Heritage Act*, as being property of cultural heritage value. **Attached** please find the Statement of Cultural Heritage Value or Interest and Description of Heritage Attributes for the subject property.

A Notice of Intention to Designate the property was also published in the Hamilton Spectator on February 11, 2025.

Any person who objects to the proposed designation shall, within thirty days after the date of publication of the notice of intention, serve on the Clerk of the municipality a notice of objection setting out the reason for the objection and all relevant facts.

If you have any questions regarding this Notice of Intention to Designate, please contact: Meg Oldfield, Cultural Heritage Planner, Email: [Meg.Oldfield@hamilton.ca](mailto:Meg.Oldfield@hamilton.ca).

Sincerely,

Anita Fabac, MCIP RPP  
Acting Director, Planning and Chief Planner

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Attach.

cc: Councillor A. Wilson, Ward 13  
Patrick MacDonald, Solicitor  
Rob Lalli, Director, Building Division  
Matt Gauthier, Legislative Coordinator  
Meg Oldfield, Cultural Heritage Planner

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CITY OF HAMILTON

**Notice of Intention to Designate**

223 Governor's Road, Dundas (Starfield)

**STATEMENT OF CULTURAL HERITAGE VALUE OR INTEREST AND  
DESCRIPTION OF HERITAGE ATTRIBUTES**

**Description of Property**

The 0.49-hectare property at 223 Governor's Road, Dundas is comprised of a two-storey brick residence with a one-and-a-half storey eastern wing, originally constructed circa 1870. The property is located near the northeast corner of Governor's Road and Creighton Road, in the community of Dundas within the City of Hamilton.

**Statement of Cultural Heritage Value or Interest**

The property located at 223 Governor's Road, historically known as Starfield, is comprised of a brick residence constructed circa 1870. The cultural heritage value of the property lies in its design value as a representative example of a vernacular mid-nineteenth century brick dwelling with Classical Revival influences, as demonstrated by its Ionic columns, which also display a high degree of craftsmanship.

The historical value of the property lies in its direct association with people significant to the history and evolution of Dundas and its economy, including Timothy Greening (c.1815-1900), owner of the property from 1869 to 1896. In 1858, Timothy Greening immigrated to Hamilton with his half-brother, Benjamin Greening (1808-1877). Descended from a long line of wire manufacturers, Timothy Greening operated the T. Greening Wire Works, later Greening and Sons, from circa 1860 until his death in 1900, manufacturing wire cloth and sheet metal. The property is also associated with John Maw (1841-1920), a local businessman who resided at the property between 1904 and 1920. In 1865, Maw partnered with James Littler to form the Dundas Tool Works, which manufactured iron and woodworking machinery. In the 1880s, Maw joined the B. Greening Wire Works, serving as superintendent until 1906, at which time he was appointed Chairman of the Board of Directors.

The contextual value of the property lies in its role in defining the historic character of Governor's Road, one of the area's earliest transportation corridors that was constructed as a military route in the early-nineteenth century. The property is historically, functionally, and visually linked to its surroundings as one of the few extant mid-nineteenth century homes located along the Dundas portion of Governor's Road, and for its connection to the site of the former T. Greening Wire Works industrial

factory to the west. Initially situated on a 4-hectare lot, the property was home to an orchard and other small scale agricultural pursuits. Due to its prominent location and raised elevation on Governor's Road, the property is considered to be a local landmark.

### **Description of Heritage Attributes**

The key attributes that embody the cultural heritage value of the property as a representative example of a vernacular mid-nineteenth century brick dwelling influenced by the Classical Revival architectural style and demonstrating a high degree of craftsmanship, and its historical association with Timothy Greening and John Maw, include:

- All elevations and rooflines of the combined one-and-a-half and two-storey brick dwelling including its:
  - Brick facades laid in Common bond;
  - Low hipped roofs with brick chimneys and plain fascia;
  - Flat-headed and segmentally-arched window openings with multi-pane hung wood windows and storms, brick voussoirs and stone lug sills;
  - Covered west, south, and north porches with moulded cornice and Ionic columns;
  - West and southeast entrances, each with a multi-pane wood transom, sidelights, and moulded wood trim;
  - North and northeast entrances with wood transoms; and,
  - Projecting ground-floor window bays with multi-pane wood windows and storms, and shared stone sills;

The projecting dormers in the one-and-a-half storey eastern portion of the building are not considered to be heritage attributes.

The key attributes that embody the contextual value of the property as a defining feature of the historical character of Governor's Road and the community of Dundas and it being historically and visually linked to its surroundings include its:

- Deep set back and prominent elevated location on Governor's Road.