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March 28, 2025

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Ontario Heritage Trust

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

Re: Notification of Intent to Designate, through Passage of a By-law, 10454 Regional Road 25, legally described as "PT LT 13, CON 2 ESQ, AS IN 488762; HALTON HILLS/ESQUESING", and known as the Dufferin School under Part IV of the *Ontario Heritage Act*.

This letter is to advise you that the Notice of Intention to Designate for the above property under Part IV of the *Ontario Heritage Act* was served to the property owner(s), via email, on Friday, March 28, 2025.

The Notice of Intention to Designate 10454 Regional Road 25 will be posted on the various Town sites on Friday, March 28, 2025. A copy of the attached proof for the notice was forwarded to the property owner(s) on Friday, March 28, 2025.

Sincerely,



Laura Loney
Manager of Heritage Planning
Planning and Development

UNDER THE ONTARIO HERITAGE ACT

Notice of Intention to Designate



IN THE MATTER OF THE ONTARIO HERITAGE ACT AND IN THE MATTER OF the lands in the Town of Halton Hills known municipally as 10454 Regional Road 25, legally described as ""PT LT 13, CON 2 ESQ, AS IN 488762; HALTON HILLS/ESQUESING", Regional Municipality of Halton, and known as Dufferin School.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Town of Halton Hills intends to designate the property at 10454 Regional Road 25, 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 10454 Regional Road 25 has physical and design value as a representative example of an Ontario rural one-room schoolhouse in the community of Speyside within the Town of Halton Hills. The one-and-a-half storey schoolhouse is one of the oldest frame schoolhouses in Halton Hills and features a gable roof with brick veneer cladding, multiple windows along the side elevations, and a datestone indicating the year brick veneer was introduced (c.1903).

The property at 10454 Regional Road 25 has historical and associative value due to its associations with the early educational system in the community of Speyside. The student population began to grow with the establishment of the Common School Act and the Ontario School Act, which introduced rates levied to support and construct new schools and later abolished the former fees for public schools and made attendance compulsory for children ages 7 to 12. In response, many communities took advantage of these government grants to build and operate new schools. The property also has associations with [REDACTED], who attended the University of Toronto and Osgoode Hall Law School. In 1946, he was called to the bar and was named a member of the Queen's Counsel in 1953. In 1951, [REDACTED] started his political career, being elected to Ontario's Provincial Parliament as the first Canadian of Ukrainian descent to be elected in Eastern Canada. In 1958, [REDACTED] was appointed as the youngest Cabinet Minister and served in seven Ministries in the administrations of Premiers Leslie Frost, John Robarts, and Bill Davis. In total, he served in Parliament for 25 years. In addition to his political career, [REDACTED] was also involved in supporting fellow Ukrainians through internships and scholarships.

The property at 10454 Regional Road 25 has contextual value as it is important in defining, maintaining, and supporting the rural character of the area along Regional Road 25. The former Dufferin Schoolhouse is physically, visually, and historically linked to its surroundings as an early schoolhouse that serviced the local school section in Speyside for more than 80 years.

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Following research and evaluation according to Ontario Regulation 9/06, it has been determined that the property at 10454 Regional Road 25 has physical and design, historical and associative, and contextual value and therefore meets Ontario Regulation 9/06 criteria for determining cultural heritage value or interest.

The heritage attributes of the property at 10454 Regional Road 25 are identified as follows The setback, location, and orientation of the schoolhouse along Regional Road 25 in the community of Speyside within the Town of Halton Hills;

- The scale, form, and massing of the one-and-a-half storey frame schoolhouse with brick veneer cladding, brick plinth, stone foundation, and gable roof;
- The materials, including brick, wood, and stone;
- On the front (northeast) elevation:
 - The datestone beneath the gable peak, inscribed "D, S.S. No. 10, 1903";
- On the side (northwest) elevation:
 - Flatheaded window openings with brick soldier course lintels and stone sills;
 - Bell and cupola located on the roof;
- On the side (southeast) elevation:
 - Flatheaded window openings with brick soldier course lintels and stone sills;
 - Datestone along the stone foundation inscribed "1892"; and,
- On the interior:
 - Former original rear (southwest) brick veneer façade featuring a flatheaded entryway with brick soldier course lintels.

The rear elevation, rear addition, and accessory structure were not investigated as part of this report.

Further information respecting the Statement of Cultural Heritage Value or Interest and proposed designation of 10454 Regional Road 25 (refer to Report PD-2025-013) is available by contacting Caylee MacPherson, Planner – Development Review & Heritage, for the Town of Halton Hills at 905-873-2600 x 2978 or by email at cmacpherson@haltonhills.ca.

Any person may, by **April 27, 2025** (within 30 days after the date of the publication of this notice) serve written notice of objection to the proposed designation to Caylee MacPherson together with a statement for the objection and all relevant facts.

Dated at the Town of Halton Hills this 28th day of March 2025.

Caylee MacPherson, Planner – Development Review & Heritage, Planning and Development, The Corporation of the Town of Halton Hills, 1 Halton Hills Drive, Halton Hills, ON L7G 5G2.

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