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NOTICE OF INTENTION TO DESIGNATE

TAKE NOTICE that the Town of Caledon intends to designate the property at 12861 Dixie 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 at 12861 Dixie Road is located on the east side of Dixie Road, between Mayfield Road and Old School Road. The property contains a west-facing late 19th century farmhouse overlooking a meandering creek associated with the West Humber River watershed, a bank barn, late 20th century farm outbuildings, mature vegetation, and agricultural fields.

STATEMENT OF CULTURAL HERITAGE VALUE OR INTEREST

The two-and-one-half storey farmhouse at 12861 Dixie Road has design or physical value as a representative example of a late 19th century vernacular farmhouse with Italianate and Queen Anne Revival design influences. A date stone on the second storey of the front façade identifies the farmhouse's date of construction, 1896, and its name, Burn Brae. The farmhouse's Italianate elements include its projecting front and side bays, wide eaves with decorative paired brackets, and louvered shutters. Queen Anne Revival elements include its, asymmetrical exterior with red brick cladding, decorative brick and woodwork, and its first storey fixed window on the front façade with coloured glass side lites and leaded glass transom. Many of the farmhouse's design elements display a high degree of craftsmanship, including: the decorative woodwork of its porches, roof brackets, fascia, and wood surround of the paired window on the second storey of the front façade; its entry doors; and the coloured glasswork in the fixed front façade window.

The property has historical value for its direct association with the Little family, who were early settlers to Chinguacousy Township and involved in the local Mayfield church community. The Little family owned the property for 108 years, from 1835 until 1943. The farmhouse was constructed under the ownership of Neil Little, who owned and farmed the property from 1877 until the 1920s. Neil's wife, Sarah Hewson, was the daughter of James Hewson, another early settler family to Chinguacousy Township. Neil and Sarah's son Richard owned and farmed the property from 1921 until 1943. Richard served as treasurer of Mayfield United Church for 25 years and was a member of the church session, while Violet taught Sunday school and was the church organist.

The property has contextual value as it is visually linked to its surroundings, positioned on a rise overlooking a small meandering creek associated with the West Humber River watershed. Its

Scottish name 'Burn Brae', commemorated in the farmhouse datestone, reflects the building's position in the landscape as burn refers to the property's meandering creek and brae to the hillside on which it sits.

Heritage Attributes

Heritage attributes that convey the design value or physical value of the property as a representative example of a late 19th century vernacular farmhouse:

- Elements of Italianate style:
 - Wide wood eaves with paired wood brackets
 - Projecting front gabled bay
 - Angular projecting side bay on the south façade
 - Louvered wood shutters
- Elements of Queen Anne style:
 - Two-and-one-half storey height
 - Asymmetrical massing
 - Red brick cladding in stretcher course and chamfered brick water table above foundation
 - Front (west) and side (south) covered porches
 - One-over-over one pane wood sash windows
 - Eight-over-one pane paired wood sash windows in the gable of the projecting front bay
 - Arched brick voussoirs with projecting brick band
- Hipped roof
- All historic exterior window and door openings
- Brick chimneys
- Lightning rods with glass balls on the roof ridge
- Stone foundation

Heritage attributes that display the high degree of craftsmanship or artistic merit of the property:

- Decorative woodwork of front and side porches, including spindles, brackets, turned wood columns, and front pediment
- Wood entry doors, half-glass (with divided side lites on the south façade) with decorative woodwork and paneling
- Fixed window on first storey of projecting front bay with coloured glass side lites and leaded glass transom
- Decorative wood moulding of the second storey paired windows on the projecting gabled bay of the front façade
- Decorative woodwork in fascia of front projecting gabled bay
- Decorative vergeboard on angular projecting bay section

Heritage attributes that contribute to the historical or associative value of the property:

- Its association with the Little family, of Scottish ancestry, demonstrated by the date stone “Burn Brae 1896”

Heritage attributes that convey the property’s visual and historical links to its surroundings:

- Position on a rise overlooking the meandering creek to the south

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:

- Dwelling:
 - Interior elements
 - Aluminum storm doors and windows
 - Modern rear addition
- Outbuildings on the property

RIGHT TO OBJECT

Any person may, within thirty days after publication of the notice on the Town of Caledon’s website, dated April 23, 2025, 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. The Notice was published in accordance with the Town of Caledon’s Ontario Heritage Act Alternative Notice Policy.

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