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April 25, 2025

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

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Re: Notification of Intent to Designate, through Passage of a By-law, 13802 Trafalgar Road legally described as "PT LT 29, CON 7 ESQ, PART 1, 20R1811; HALTON HILLS/ESQUESING" Regional Municipality of Halton, and known as the Blue Mountain 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 April 25, 2025.

The Notice of Intention to Designate 13802 Trafalgar Road will be posted on the various Town sites April 25, 2025. A copy of the attached proof for the notice was forwarded to the property owner(s) on April 25, 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 13802 Trafalgar Road (Ballinafad), legally described as "PT LT 29, CON 7 ESQ, PART 1, 20R1811; HALTON HILLS/ESQUESING", Regional Municipality of Halton, and known as the Blue Mountain School.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Town of Halton Hills intends to designate the property at 13802 Trafalgar Road (Ballinafad) 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 13802 Trafalgar Road has physical and design value as a rare and representative example of an Ontario rural one-room schoolhouse in the Gothic Revival architectural style, in the community of Ballinafad, within the Town of Halton Hills. The one-and-a-half storey schoolhouse features design elements such as dichromatic brickwork, a gable roof, central vestibule with an entrance and transom, two windows along the front elevation with multiple windows along the side elevations, two double stack chimneys, and a date stone inscribed "School Section No. 14, A.D. 1871". The building's design features influence from the Gothic Revival architectural style, as well as The School House; Its Architecture, External and Internal Arrangements and the Canadian Farmer, which published architectural plans and construction methods for grammar, intermediate, and primary schools in Canada. The use of dichromatic brickwork, such as the buff brick quoins, lintels, and brick patterns on the front elevation, displays a high degree of craftsmanship and artistic merit.

The property at 13802 Trafalgar Road has historical and associative value as due to its associations with the early educational system in the community of Ballinafad. The student population began to grow with the establishment of 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. These legislative changes provided government funds to construct and operate more schools for the growing school populations. The property also has associations with Stewart Bennett, who attended the University of Toronto, obtaining a Bachelor of Applied Science in Engineering Science, and served during WWI with the Royal Engineers. After returning home from overseas, Stewart returned to the University of Toronto as a lecturer and was on the Board of Governors at the University of Guelph for 8 years. Stewart left Toronto and moved to Acton in 1925 to join Beardmore & Co, later becoming the President of the company in 1944. In 1946, Stewart joined Canada Packers Inc. as Vice-President, where he stayed until his retirement. Stewart was also on the Board of Directors of Dominion Stores Ltd. for 41 years, the Board of the Toronto Art Gallery, and was the chairman of the tariff committee of the Canadian Manufacturers' Association. The [REDACTED] moved to the Scotsdale Farm in 1940 and remained there for 42 years. [REDACTED] were active members of the community, and were heavily involved with St. Alban's Church. Following [REDACTED], Scotsdale Farm was donated to the Ontario Heritage Trust, and still provides public trails for the community.

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The property at 13802 Trafalgar Road has contextual value as it is important in defining, maintaining, and supporting the rural character of the community of Ballinafad. The former Blue Mountain Schoolhouse is physically, visually, and historically linked to its surroundings as an early schoolhouse that serviced School Section No. 14 in Ballinafad for more than 80 years.

The heritage attributes of the property at 13802 Trafalgar Road (Ballinafad) are identified as follows:

- The setback, location, and orientation of the schoolhouse along Trafalgar Road in the community of Ballinafad within the Town of Halton Hills;
- The scale, form, and massing of the c.1871 one-storey stone schoolhouse with gable roof, twin double stack chimneys, and dichromatic brick detailing;
- Materials including red and buff brick, and stone;
- Front (northeast) elevation:
 - Buff brick quoins;
 - Flatheaded window openings with stone sills and buff brick soldier course lintels;
 - Front vestibule with buff brick quoins, semi-circular transom, radiating buff brick voussoir, and sidelights;
 - Date stone inscribed "School Section No. 14 A.D. 1871", surrounded by a buff brick square border and decorative brick lozenge pattern; and,
- Side (southeast and northwest) elevations:
 - Multiple flatheaded window openings with buff brick soldier course lintels and stone sills.

Further information respecting the Statement of Cultural Heritage Value or Interest and proposed designation of 13802 Trafalgar Road (Ballinafad) (refer to Report PD-2025-020) 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 May 25, 2025 (within 30 days after the date of the publication of this notice) serve written notice of objection to the proposed designation to Laura Loney together with a statement for the objection and all relevant facts.

Dated at the Town of Halton Hills this 25th day of April 2025.

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.