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Town of
East Gwillimbury

January 16, 2017

ONTARIO HERITAGE TRUST

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REGISTERED MAIL

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**Re: NOTICE OF INTENTION TO DESIGNATE A PROPERTY OF CULTURAL
HERITAGE VALUE OR INTEREST**

TAKE NOTICE THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Town of East Gwillimbury intend to designate the following property as a property of cultural heritage value or interest pursuant to the provisions of the Ontario Heritage Act, R.S.O. 1990, Chapter O.18, Part IV, Section 29.

**The West/Ellis Log House and Barn
20372 2nd Concession Rd.
Town of East Gwillimbury
Regional Municipality of York**

Statement of Cultural Heritage Value/Description of Heritage Attributes

The West/Ellis log house and barn are circa 1860 structures located on the west side of the 2nd Concession Rd. in the Town of East Gwillimbury. The 5 acre property comprises of the main 1½ storey cedar log building and 1 storey cedar log barn, on their original locations.

The West/Ellis house and barn are of cultural heritage value as one of the few remaining settlers' homesteads, constructed in the third quarter of the 19th Century. The 1861 census indicates that Andrew and Abigail West, ages 24 and 19, were already living on this land and it appears that they remained there until 1914, raising nine children. George and Hannah Ellis occupied the land from 1914 until 1970.

Typical of this style, it features minimal fenestration, simple gable roofs, and no basements. Some alterations have been made to the house, such as: replacement of original 6 over 6 window sashes and original front door; removal of earlier summer kitchen and woodshed, when a new addition was added in the 1970's; replacement of original chinking with cement; and interior arrangement of rooms has been altered to suit modern needs

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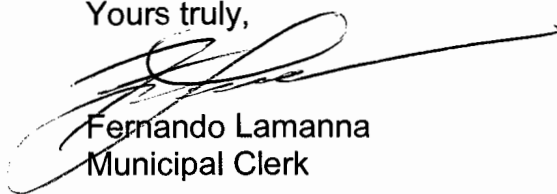
Key exterior attributes that express the value of the West/Ellis house and barn as an example of a typical 19th Century settlers' homestead are: basic, exposed, round log construction, with lapped corner joints; and asymmetrical front façade on the east side, having a central door and one window to the north

Key attributes that express the value of the West/Ellis structures as a landmark that continues to define the rural character and history of this area includes: house and barn clustered together; and proximity to the concession road

Detailed reasons and further information respecting the proposed designation of the West/Ellis log house and barn can be obtained by contacting James Daniel, Planner, at 905-478-4282, ext. 1265 or at jdaniel@eastgwillimbury.ca

Any person may, by the 21st day of February, 2017, send by registered mail or deliver to the Municipal Clerk, Notice of Objection to the proposed changes to the designation of the West/Ellis log house and barn, together with a statement of the reasons for the objection and all relevant facts. If a Notice of Objection is received, the Council of the Town of East Gwillimbury will refer the matter to the Conservation Review Board for a hearing and a report.

Yours truly,



Fernando Lamanna
Municipal Clerk