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IN THE MATTER OF THE *ONTARIO HERITAGE ACT*, R.S.O. 1990  
CHAPTER 0.18

AND IN THE MATTER OF THE LAND AND PREMISES  
IN THE TOWN OF RICHMOND HILL, IN THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO  
HEREINAFTER DESCRIBED

**NOTICE OF INTENTION TO DESIGNATE**

**TAKE NOTICE THAT** the Council of The Corporation of the Town of Richmond Hill intends to designate the below-noted property, including land and building, as a property of cultural heritage value or interest under Part IV, section 29 of the *Ontario Heritage Act*, R.S.O. 1990, Chapter 0.18, as amended.

**Property Description:** Lot 17, Plan 7032 and Part of Block C, Plan 511 as in R469495, Town of Richmond Hill, Regional Municipality of York (PIN 03172-0212 (LT))

**Municipal Address:** 16-18 Lorne Avenue, Town of Richmond Hill  
(*The William Trench House*)

**Town File No.:** D12-07298

**Statement of Cultural Heritage Value or Interest**

William Trench (b.1832 - d.1896) opened the Trench Carriage Works at the corner of Lorne Avenue and Yonge Street in 1864. Soon after the Trench business became a major employer in Richmond Hill and at the height of its production provided all the stagecoaches that operated along Yonge Street.

William Trench served as the Reeve of Richmond Hill from 1875 to 1879 and again in 1881 and 1882. He also served as a trustee on the Board of Education in York County. He was a director of the Mechanic's Institute, treasurer of the Masonic Lodge, and president of the Agricultural Society. In 1875 the Town named Trench Street in honour of William and they were also major donors to the construction of the Richmond Hill United Church.

Thomas Henry Trench (1868-1957) was the son of William who took over the business when his father died in 1896 and lived in the same house at 16-18 Lorne Avenue as his father lived until his passing in 1957. Thomas never married, but took on civic responsibility including Reeve from 1919 to 1925 and again from 1940 to 1942. During his time on Council, he oversaw the installation of the first waterworks infrastructure in the Village. He also was a member of the Board of Education and was instrumental in the construction of a new High School in the Village. Similar to his father he was also involved with the United Church and the Masonic Lodge, achieving Grand Steward during his tenure.

When Thomas took over management of the business the carriage industry was beginning its transition towards the horseless carriage. From the onset of his ownership he made the decision not to convert the Trench Carriage Works to an automobile business and instead focused on utilizing his assets for real estate purposes. Soon after taking control of the business he purchased additional land to the south of Lorne Avenue and Centre Street. In 1914 he converted part of the carriage works building located at 10117-10119 Yonge Street into retail outlets with apartments above. In 1915 Thomas entered into a contract with the Standard Bank to construct a new branch at 10111 Yonge Street. Today, the original Trench Carriage Works building at 10121-10123 Yonge Street, the converted portion at 10117-10119 Yonge Street and the Standard Bank at 10111 Yonge Street are all designated under Part IV of the *Ontario Heritage Act*.

The house, which is located immediately adjacent to the Trench Carriage works at 10121-10123 Yonge Street contains significant associative and contextual value in relation to the intimate day to day involvement in the family business and the development of the nearby lands at the beginning of the 20<sup>th</sup> century.

### **Description of Heritage Attributes**

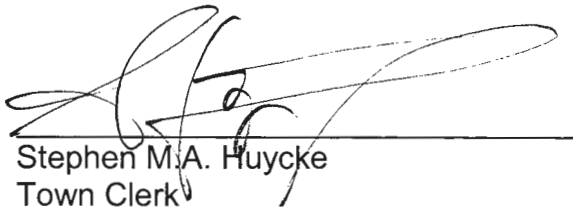
Key exterior attributes that embody the heritage value of the William Trench House include:

- The one and a half storey late Ontario Gothic style dwelling constructed in c.1888 including the c.1896 addition located to the east; and
- The location of the dwelling on Lorne Avenue, immediately adjacent to the Trench Carriage Works at 10121-10123 Yonge Street.

**Notice of Objection**

Any person who objects to the proposed Notice of Intention to Designate shall, within 30 days after the mailing of this notice, serve on the Town Clerk of the Town of Richmond Hill, a Notice of Objection setting out the reason for the objection and all relevant facts. The last day to appeal the proposed designation is **February 21, 2017**. Service may be made by delivery personally to the Town Clerk or by Regular Mail at the following address:

Stephen M.A. Huycke, Town Clerk  
The Town of Richmond Hill  
225 East Beaver Creek Road  
Richmond Hill ON L4B 3P4



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