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ONTARIO HERITAGE TRUST

JAN 30 2017

VIA: **REGISTERED MAIL**

Dear Sirs:

**RE: Heritage Designation - 94 Peru Road, Milton - Part of Lot 3, Con 1 Esq,  
Designated as Part 1, 20R-18855, Town of Milton,  
Regional Municipality of Halton in the Town of Milton**

Pursuant to Section 29, Subsection 6 of The Ontario Heritage Act, R.S.O. 1990, enclosed is a certified true copy of a By-law passed by Milton Council January 23, 2017, designating the following property as being of cultural heritage value or interest:

**By-law No. 009-2017 - 94 Peru Road, Milton, Part of Lot 3, Con 1 Esq, Designated  
as Part 1, 20R-18855, Town of Milton, Regional  
Municipality of Halton in the Town of Milton**

No notices of objection were received to the proposed designation, resulting in the by-law being passed by Milton Council.

Should you have any questions with respect to this matter, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned.

Yours very truly,

Brett Stein  
Legislative Administrator  
Clerk's Division

Encl.

cc: Heritage Milton  
Anne Fisher, Planner

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF MILTON

BY-LAW NO. 009-2017

BEING A BY-LAW TO DESIGNATE THE PROPERTY KNOWN MUNICIPALLY AS 94 PERU ROAD (PART OF LOT 3, CON 1 ESQ, DESIGNATED AS PART 1, 20R-18855, TOWN OF MILTON, REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY OF HALTON IN THE TOWN OF MILTON) AS BEING OF CULTURAL HERITAGE VALUE OR INTEREST

**WHEREAS** Part IV of *The Ontario Heritage Act*, R.S.O. 1990, Chapter O. 18, as amended, authorizes the Council of a municipality to enact by-law to designate real property including all buildings and structures thereon, to be of cultural heritage value or interest;

**AND WHEREAS** the Council or the Corporation of the Town of Milton has caused to be served on the owners of the lands and premises known as, 94 Peru Road in the Town of Milton and upon the Ontario Heritage Foundation, Notice of Intention to so designate the aforesaid real property and has caused such Notice of Intention to be published in the same newspaper having general circulation in the municipality;

**AND WHEREAS** the reasons for designation are set out in Schedule 'B' attached hereto;

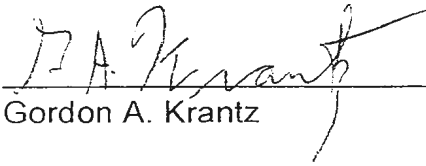
**AND WHEREAS** no Notice of Objection to the proposed designation has been served on the Clerk of the municipality;


**NOW THEREFORE** the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Milton hereby enacts as follows:

1. **THAT** there is designated as being of cultural heritage value or interest, the real property known as 94 Peru Road (Part of Lot 3, Con 1 Esq, Designated as Part 1, 20R-18855, Town of Milton, Regional Municipality of Halton in the Town of Milton), more particularly described in Schedule 'A' attached hereto.
2. **THAT** the municipal solicitor is hereby authorized to cause a copy of this By-law to be registered against the property described in Schedule 'A', attached hereto, in the proper Land Registry Office;
3. **THAT** the Clerk is hereby authorized to cause a copy of this By-law to be served on the owner of the aforesaid property and on the Ontario Heritage Foundation and to cause notice of the passing of this By-law to be published in the same newspaper having general circulation in the municipality.

Certified a true copy  
Dated at the Town of Milton  
this 23 day of Jan, 2017.  
.....  
Deputy Clerk

PASSED IN OPEN COUNCIL ON JANUARY 23, 2017.

  
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Gordon A. Krantz Mayor

  
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Troy McHarg Town Clerk

**SCHEDULE 'A' to BY-LAW NO. 009-2017**

ALL AND SINGULAR that certain parcel or tract of land and premises situate, lying and being on the west side of Peru Road, in the Town of Milton, Regional Municipality of Halton more particularly described as Part of Lot 3, Con 1 Esq, Designated as Part 1, 20R-18855, Town of Milton, Regional Municipality of Halton in the Town of Milton

## **SCHEDULE 'B' to BY-LAW NO. 009-2017**

### **Legal Description:**

Part of Lot 3, Con 1 Esq, Designated as Part 1, 20R-18855, Town of Milton, Regional Municipality of Halton in the Town of Milton

### **Description of Property:**

The Socrates Center House is a one and a half storey frame house that is a good representative example of vernacular mid-Victorian domestic architecture. It has a direct association with Socrates and William Center who were pioneering industrialists in the village of Peru and the theme of the industrial development in the Peru and Milton Heights area.

### **Statement of Cultural Heritage Value or Interest:**

The subject property is known as the Socrates Center house and was built circa 1870. It has architectural and design significance as a representative example of mid-Victorian domestic architecture. It has historical and associative significance as having a direct association with the Center family who were a pioneering industrial and farming family that had a significant influence on the growth and development of the village of Peru. Socrates Center was also a magistrate and a former mayor of Milton. The Socrates Center house has historical significance because of its direct relationship to the theme of industrial development and industry in the Peru and Milton Heights area. Its contextual significance derives from being historically linked to the growth and development of the village of Peru and industrial development within the Peru and Milton Heights area.

### **Design Value or Physical Value.**

The Socrates Center house is a good representative example of vernacular mid-Victorian domestic architecture. It was built c. 1870 and has the "L" shape that became very popular in the mid to late nineteenth century. Its arched gable window may have originally included detailing to emphasize its peak and its relationship to the then popular Gothic Revival style of architecture.

Most of the window and door openings are original. The bay and arched windows, as well as the front entrance doors are also original. Almost all of the original exterior form of this house and many of its original internal features remain.

### **Historical Value**

The Socrates Center House has a direct relationship with the Center family who were a pioneering industrial and farming family that had a significant influence on the growth and development of the village of Peru. Socrates and his brother William Centre owned an ashery that was used to produce charcoal, soap and

potash. William also had a tannery in Peru and Socrates was a magistrate and a Councillor in Milton during the 1860-1881 period. The house was owned (and likely built) by Socrates Center but was likely occupied by his brother William. Various members of the Center family owned and lived at a number of different properties in the village of Peru between 1842 and 1908.

### **Contextual Value**

Peru is the only village in Milton that grew as a consequence of industrial (and not agricultural) development. The Center brothers made a significant contribution to Peru's industrial character and development. The Hill family sawmill that initially attracted people into this area in the early half of the nineteenth century had ceased operations by the 1870's. With few other reasons for people to congregate here the village may not have survived if it were not for the Center Brothers ashery that produced charcoal, soap and potash and William Center's tannery during the mid to late nineteenth century. This is the period between the closure of the saw mill and the opening of the brick and limestone industries in Peru and Milton Heights in the early 1880's. The Socrates Center house is the only remaining historical link to the Peru ashery.

### **Character Defining Elements/Heritage Attributes:**

Important to the preservation of the Socrates Center house at 94 Peru Road are the following character-defining elements/heritage attributes:

- Location of house close to the village of Peru
- The original "L" shaped form, rooflines and massing of the one and a half storey house exterior (with the exception of the rear single garage)
- Size and location of the window and door openings
- Ground floor bay window and second floor arched gable windows
- Double front entrance doors with transom window above
- The location of the front entrance porch
- Millwork on ground floor (two front rooms, entrance hall and main staircase)
- Wide floor boards in second floor front two rooms and hallway