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Ontario Heritage Trust
Heritage Programs and Operations Branch
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Att: Mr. Sean Fraser, Manager, Acquisitions and Conservation Services

Dear: Mr. Fraser

RE: Notice of Intention to Designate a Property to be of Cultural Heritage Value or Interest
"The Richardson House"
14985 Leslie Street
Part Lot 19, Concession 3
Whitchurch as is B25085B
Town of Aurora, Regional Municipality of York

Please find attached a Notice of Intention to Designate, which includes a statement explaining the cultural heritage value or interest and a description of the heritage attributes of the above-noted property.

Yours sincerely,

John D. Leach
Director, Customer and Legislative Services

c. Mai Al Nabhan, Manager of Heritage Planning and Urban Design



**NOTICE OF INTENTION
TO DESIGNATE A BUILDING OF
CULTURAL HERITAGE VALUE OR INTEREST**

TAKE NOTICE THAT the Council of The Corporation of the Town of Aurora intends to designate the following property as a property of cultural heritage value or interest pursuant to the provisions of Section 29 of the *Ontario Heritage Act*, R.S.O. 1990, Chapter O.18, as amended. A brief statement of reasons is included.

"The Richardson House"
14985 Leslie Street
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Town of Aurora, Regional Municipality of York

Description of Property

The Richardson House, known municipally as 14985 Leslie Street, is a significant and unique contributor to rural Aurora and the region's historical farming community. The House is 2 storey residential building, located on the east side of Leslie Street south of Wellington Street East.

Statement of Cultural Heritage Value

The Richardson House has cultural heritage value as it is representative of the region's historical farming community. The building and surrounding landscape help maintain and define the character of rural Southern Ontario.

Historical or Associative Value

The Richardson House and its surrounding landscape help maintain and define the character of rural Southern Ontario. The house is associated with the Graham and Richardson Families, prominent farming families in rural Aurora (Whitchurch Township).

Design or Physical Value

The Richardson House was built c.1835 of a 2½ storey wood frame. Its design and physical value derive from its architectural style, materials and construction, all characteristic of the pre-Confederation rural houses built in the York region. The house displays a high degree of craftsmanship and contains features that are representative of the Georgian style.

Contextual Value

The Richardson House is located in rural Aurora in the vicinity of the Oak Ridges Moraine; it is a significant and unique contributor to rural Aurora and the region's historical farming community. The house and its surrounding landscape are

representative of Aurora's farming community and help maintain and define the character of rural Southern Ontario.

Description of Heritage Attributes

Important to the preservation of 14985 Leslie Street are the original key attributes that express its value, which include:

Exterior Elements

- overall 2 ½ storey Georgian Style with Regency influence;
- raised stone foundation;
- two storey veranda, with wood deck, wood railing, brackets, post and roof;
- gable roof and returned eaves;
- 3-bay façade;
- original window and door openings;
- historic 6/6 and 12/8 wood windows;
- door surround;
- horizontal wood siding;
- gingerbread trim;
- landscape and mature vegetation on the west side between the house and Leslie Street
- paired internal chimneys;

Interior Elements

- historic staircase and doors leading to it;
- 2 original 1830s locks on the exterior doors;
- interior windows casement and surround;
- interior doors surround
- interior wood panelling;

DETAILED REASONS FOR THE PROPOSED DESIGNATION CAN BE OBTAINED BY CONTACTING THE UNDERSIGNED.

Any person may, before 4:30 p.m. on the 22nd day of July, 2010, send by registered mail or deliver to the Town Clerk, Notice of Objection to the proposed designation, 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 Aurora will refer the matter to the Conservation Review Board for a hearing and a report.

Further information respecting the proposed designation(s) is available from the Clerk's Office upon request.

DATED at Aurora this 22nd day of June, 2010.

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