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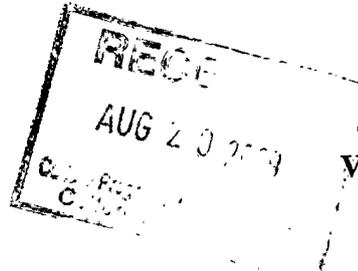


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VIA COURIER

Ontario Heritage Trust  
10 Adelaide street East  
Toronto, ON M5C 1J3

Dear Sirs and/or Madames:

**Subject: Notice of Intention to Designate  
131 Trafalgar Road, Oakville, Ontario**

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Attached please find the Notice of Intention to Designate the above-mentioned property which is served upon you in accordance with section 29(3) of the *Ontario Heritage Act*, R.S.O. 1990, c.18, (the "*Act*").

Pursuant to section 29(4.1) of the *Act* any person who objects to the proposed designation must file a notice of objection to the designation with the Town Clerk at 1225 Trafalgar Road, P.O. Box 310, Oakville, Ontario L6J 5A6, no later than **September 11, 2009**.

Sincerely,

Francesca Piazza  
Legislative Coordinator

Encls.

c.c. C. Best, Town Clerk  
D. Anderson, Director of Planning Services  
D. Baker, Assistant Town Solicitor  
M. Seaman, Manager of Heritage Planning



## **NOTICE OF INTENTION TO DESIGNATE**

**131 Trafalgar Road, Oakville, ON**

**TAKE NOTICE** that Oakville Town Council, on August 10, 2009 resolved to issue a Notice of Intention to Designate PLAN 1 BLK 25 LOT A RP; 20R7607 PART 2 PT municipally known as 131 Trafalgar Road under Section 29 of the *Ontario Heritage Act*, R.S.O. 1990, c. 18, as a property of cultural heritage value and interest.

### 1. Description of Property

The subject property is located on the east side of Trafalgar Road between Church and Randall Streets. The property includes one brick house which has been used as a commercial property.

### 2. Statement of Cultural Heritage Value or Interest

#### **Design or physical value**

The subject house has architectural value as an adapted variation of a "Bungalow Style" home with red brick exterior with shingle accents. The Bungalow Style was popular in North America from 1900-1945 and was brought to Canada in the early 1910s. Fire Insurance Maps confirm an estimated date of construction for this house between 1911 and 1912, putting this house among the earliest bungalows to be built in Oakville.

The house was also one of the first of many houses built in Oakville by Blakelock Brothers and with its visible location on Trafalgar Road would conceivably have served as example to potential customers of Blakelock Brothers of the quality of building produced by this company. Evidently these houses impressed buyers as Blakelock Brothers were one of the most successful builders in Oakville in the first half of the 20<sup>th</sup> Century.

#### **Historical or associative value**

This property has historical value for its association with the prominent local family, the Blakelocks. The subject house, along with the two brick houses directly to the south of it, were constructed by the Blakelock Brothers and is believed to be one of the first homes built by the company.

Thomas and James Blakelock owned Blakelock Brothers' Lumber Mill on Randall Street, located on the northeast corner of the same block as the subject property. Established in 1912, the company constructed numerous homes in the area in the early 20<sup>th</sup> century. Thomas Blakelock was later Mayor of Oakville, MPP for 14 years, Warden of Halton County.

#### **Contextual value**

The subject property has contextual value as a part of a concentration of homes of similar vintage associated with Thomas Blakelock and as a reminder of this once thriving residential neighbourhood. The subject building is one of eight historic houses remaining on this block, including the houses at 123 and 127 Trafalgar Road, 293 and 297 Church Street, 128 and 132 Reynolds Street, and 296 Randall Street, all of which are registered heritage properties.

Trafalgar Road, historically known as Dundas Street and also Station Road, has been a main thoroughfare in Oakville since the town's early beginnings, and continues to act as the main entrance into the downtown from the north. In conjunction with the designated heritage properties at 136 and 140 Trafalgar Road and the registered heritage properties at 123 and 127 Trafalgar Road, this house contributes to the historical character of the street and helps to anchor this entrance into the historic downtown.

### 3. Description of Heritage Attributes

The Reasons for Designation include the following heritage attributes and apply to all elevations and the roof including all facades, entrances, windows, chimneys, and trim, together with construction materials of wood, brick, stone, plaster parging, metal and glazing, their related building techniques and landscape features:

#### **Exterior Elements:**

- Form of the building, including the roof, roof dormers and front porch;
- Brick cladding and brick posts on porch;
- Concrete sills;
- Wood shingles; and,
- Placement of window openings.

**OBJECTIONS:** Any objection to this designation must be filed no later than **September 11, 2009**. Objections should be directed to Cathie Best, Town Clerk, 1225 Trafalgar Road, P.O. Box 310, Oakville, Ontario L6J 5A6.

**MORE INFORMATION:** Any inquiries may be directed to Michael Seaman, Manager of Heritage Planning at 905-845-6601, extension 3873 or by email at mseaman@oakville.ca

**Last Date to file Notice of Objection: September 11, 2009**

**Cathie Best, Town Clerk**