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Planning Services Unit

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

Edgemere Estates Limited
1502 Lakeshore Road East
Oakville, ON L6J 1M1

Dear Sirs and/or Madames:

Subject: Notice of Heritage Designation
1502 Lakeshore Road West, Oakville, Ontario

Attached please find the Notice of Heritage Designation together with By-law 2009-080 with respect to the heritage designation of 1502 Lakeshore Road West, Oakville, Ontario which is served upon you in accordance with section 29(6) of the *Ontario Heritage Act*, R.S.O. 1990, c.18.

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 HERITAGE DESIGNATION

1502 Lakeshore Road East, Oakville, Ontario (only wall and main entrance gates adjacent to Lakeshore Road)

TAKE NOTICE that Oakville Town Council, on **June 9, 2009** resolved to pass By-law **2009-080** to designate the **north facing wall and main entrance gates at 1502 Lakeshore Road East** under Section 29 of the *Ontario Heritage Act*, R.S.O. 1990, c. 18, as a property of cultural heritage value and interest.

Cultural Heritage Value and Interest:

The property known as "Edgemere" dates back to the turn of the 20th century, and its cultural heritage value lies in the survival of the prominent wall and main entrance gates visible to the public from Lakeshore Road. These features constitute an important part of the streetscape as they define and maintain the character of the area symbolizing the life and times of the era in which they were created.

"Edgemere" – meaning the waters edge, was the name given by its owner namely, James Ryrie, a famous Toronto jeweller who commissioned Edmund Burke and John Horwood to design the property in the early 1900s as they were then considered "Society's Architects of Choice" for turning out lavish mansions in the latest trends. Edgemere served as Ryrie's country home and later as residence to many established families in Oakville. The subject features of interest contribute to the understanding of the development of Lakeshore Road and Oakville as a whole.

Furthermore, the highly visible wall and gate serve as a unique example of a construction method which displays a high degree of craftsmanship and is representative of an early style. The main entrance is an English style timber gate constructed of wooden pegs, and includes a brass "Edgemere" plaque as it originally existed. The property wall has a rubble stone foundation and is crowned with cut stone and at regular intervals its length is interrupted by rubble stone pillars with cut stone caps. These are all key attributes that embody heritage value.

Description of Heritage Attributes:

The designated heritage attributes of the property include:

- Main entrance gate; and,
- Property wall along Lakeshore Road.

MORE INFORMATION: Any inquiries may be directed to Michael Seaman, Manager of Heritage Planning at 905-845-6601, extension 3875 or by email at mseaman@oakville.ca

Cathie Best, Town Clerk