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1725 Thornton Road North  
Oshawa, ON L1H 7K4

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

**Re: *Notice of Intent to Designate 1725 Thornton Road North, Oshawa***

Pursuant to Part IV of the *Ontario Heritage Act*, R.S.O. 1990, Chapter O. 18, please be advised that the Council of the Corporation of the City of Oshawa intends to designate the following property as a property of cultural heritage value or interest:

Nesbitt House  
1725 Thornton Road North  
City of Oshawa

Reasons for the Proposed Designation

**Location and Description of Property:**

1725 Thornton Road North consists of a single detached residential dwelling located on the east side of Thornton Road North, approximately midway between Taunton Road West and Conlin Road West in the City of Oshawa. The house is a key building in the historic farmscape along this segment of Thornton Road North and is framed by a trimmed lawn, shrubbery, gardens and mature vegetation and trees.

The original dwelling, which has since been added to to create a larger living area, was likely built circa 1860 for, or by, James Nesbitt. The original one-and-a-half storey home features a centrally positioned main entrance and low pitched gabled roof that is reflective of Classic Revival style influences. It is constructed of natural face fieldstone in random courses with large fieldstone quoins and a fieldstone foundation. The house has flat window openings with wood lugsills and double-hung 9x9 sash windows on the west facade. There are red brick heads over the window openings. Two additions to the home were added in the late 1960's: a garage clad in fieldstone on the north façade and a second storey clad using board and batten atop the east wing/extension. These additions are sympathetic to the original structure by keeping with the use of complementary materials and transform what was once a modest stone farmhouse into an elegant and picturesque rural composition.

**Legal Description:**

The property is located at 1725 Thornton Road North and is legally described as PT N1/2 LT 16 CON 4 EAST WHITBY PT 1 40R8243; OSHAWA.

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

The cultural heritage value of 1725 Thornton Road North lies in the fact that the original fieldstone dwelling is a good representation of a Classical Revival style rural farm dwelling that was popular in the first half of the nineteenth century and well into the early twentieth century. The one-and-a-half storey original structure features a symmetrical 3-bay frontal façade with a centrally positioned main entrance and low pitched gabled roof. It is constructed of natural face fieldstone in random courses with large fieldstone quoins and a fieldstone foundation. The house has flat window openings with double-hung 9x9 sash windows on the west facade. There are red brick heads over the window openings. The home is framed by a trimmed lawn, shrubbery, gardens and mature vegetation.

**Description of Heritage Attributes:**

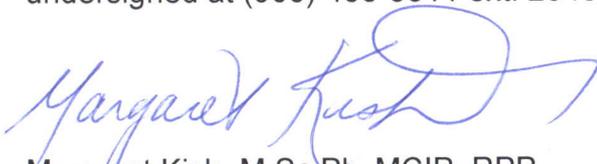
Key attributes that reflect the heritage value of the property at 1725 Thornton Road North are as follows:

- The original one-and-a-half storey single detached home designed in the Classic Revival style featuring a symmetrical 3-bay frontal façade with a centrally positioned main entrance and low pitched gabled roof;
- The exterior walls consisting of natural face fieldstone in random courses and large fieldstone quoins;
- The fieldstone foundation;
- The flat window openings with wood lugsills and red brick heads over the window openings; and
- The double-hung 9x9 sash windows on the west façade.

The full particulars of the Reasons for Designation for 452 Simcoe Street North are available for inspection in the Planning Services Branch, 8<sup>th</sup> Floor at 50 Centre Street South between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

ANY PERSON MAY, ON OR BEFORE THE 4<sup>th</sup> DAY OF JANUARY 2013, SEND BY REGISTERED MAIL OR DELIVER TO THE CITY CLERK, a Notice of Objection to the proposed designation, together with a statement of their reasons for the objection and all relevant facts. If a Notice of Objection is received, the Council of the City of Oshawa will refer the matter to the Conservation Review Board for a hearing and a report.

If you have any questions or require clarification with respect to this letter, please contact the undersigned at (905) 436-3311 ext. 2945 or via email at [mkish@oshawa.ca](mailto:mkish@oshawa.ca).



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