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573 Lakeshore Road West
Oakville, ON L6K 1G6

**Subject: Notice of Heritage Designation
The Acacias, 573 Lakeshore Road West, Oakville, Ontario**

Attached please find the Notice of Heritage Designation together with By-law 2015-044 with respect to the heritage designation of The Acacias, 573 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, chapter O.18.

Sincerely,

Francesca Piazza
Legislative Coordinator

Encls.

c.c. V. Tytaneck, Town Clerk
D. St. George, Acting Director of Planning Services
N. Chandra, Assistant Town Solicitor
R.S. Hannah, Senior Manager of Planning Services
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OAKVILLE

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF OAKVILLE

BY-LAW NUMBER 2015-044

A by-law to designate the Acacias at 573 Lakeshore Road West as a property of historical, architectural and contextual significance

WHEREAS pursuant to Part IV of the *Ontario Heritage Act*, R.S.O. 1990, chapter O.18, the council of a municipality is authorized to enact by-laws to designate a real property, including all buildings and structures thereon, to be of cultural heritage value or interest;

WHEREAS the council of the Corporation of the Town of Oakville has caused to be served on the owners of the lands and premises at:

573 Lakeshore Road West
Oakville, ON

and upon the Ontario Heritage Trust, notice of intention to designate the Acacias at 573 Lakeshore Road West as a property of historical, architectural and contextual significance and a statement of the reasons for the proposed designation, and further, has caused the notice of intention to be published in the Oakville Beaver, being a newspaper of general circulation in the municipality;

AND WHEREAS no notice of objection to the proposed designation has been served on the municipality;

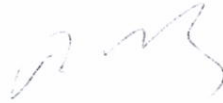
COUNCIL ENACTS AS FOLLOWS:

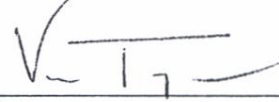
1. That the following real property, more particularly described in Schedule "A", is hereby designated as being of cultural heritage value or interest, for the reasons set out in Schedule B:

The Acacias
573 Lakeshore Road West
Town of Oakville
The Regional Municipality of Halton

2. That the attached Schedules form part of the by-law.
3. And that the Town Solicitor be authorized to cause a copy of this by-law to be registered against the property described in Schedule "A" at the Land Registry Office.

PASSED this 11th day of May, 2015



Rob Burton Mayor

Vicki Tytaneck Town Clerk

SCHEDULE "A" TO
BY-LAW 2015-044

In the Town of Oakville in the Regional Municipality of Halton, property description
as follows:

The Acacias
573 Lakeshore Road West
Part of Lot 20, Concession 3 SDS, part of Lot 20, Concession 4 SDS, and part of the
road allowance between Concessions 3 and 4 SDS, designated as Part 4 on Plan
20R-878, Oakville
Town of Oakville, Regional Municipality of Halton

SCHEDULE "B" TO
BY-LAW 2015-044

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Description of Property – The Acacias, 573 Lakeshore Road West

The Acacias is located on the north side of Lakeshore Road West. This 2-1/2 storey brick and shingle residence is surrounded by mature acacia trees and gardens. The house faces south toward Lake Ontario.

Statement of Cultural Heritage Value or Interest

Design Value or Physical Value

The Acacias has significant physical value as a 2-1/2 storey home with Arts and Crafts inspired details. The house at 573 Lakeshore Road West illustrates many of the design features common to Arts and Crafts homes: the combination of brick and wood shingles as wall cladding, the grouped multi-pane windows, the entrance under a portico, exposed rafter tails on the unusual roof shape. Known for the acacia trees that surround the residence, the house was designed to fit into the landscape surroundings and despite changes in the lot size since its construction circa 1911, the connection between the residence and its surroundings is still significant.

Historical Value or Associative Value

The Acacias has historic value through its associations with early owners of the residence, especially the Windeat sisters (Emma Sarah and Louisa Helen) who built the house circa 1911. Emma Windeat, likely the most notable member of the family, was one of the first female artists to become a member of the Royal Canadian Academy of Arts. A painter of portraits and landscapes, Emma was also a founding member of the Women's Canadian Historical Society of Toronto, and exhibited her works at the Toronto Industrial Exhibition, Art Association of Montreal and Women's Art Association of Canada.

The next owner of the property, Willis Norman Millar, was an assistant professor of Forestry at the University of Toronto and a published author of several books on forestry management practices. The house in Oakville, which was then surrounded by enough land for a small farm, was suitable for his family and also close to the U of T practice forestry site in Bronte.

The owners of the house from 1937 to 1972 were the Wethey family – likely relatives of the Windeat sisters. Drina Wethey, who lived in the house for many years, was secretary to several headmasters of nearby Appleby College.

The house is also associated with well-known local architect, George Nepean Molesworth. Molesworth (1885-1958) was a prolific architect who designed many buildings (commercial, institutional and residential) in Toronto, Oakville and the surrounding area. Molesworth himself was a life-long resident of Oakville, commuting into Toronto for his architectural practice.

Educated at the University of Toronto, Molesworth went on to serve a 4 year internship with Eden Smith, the foremost architect of Arts and Crafts in Toronto, from 1908-1911. His work was certainly influenced by Smith's design aesthetic and the principals of the Arts and Crafts movement. Forming his own practice in 1911, some of his earliest designs were for properties in Oakville, including the residence at 573 Lakeshore Road West. Molesworth went on to design other notable local buildings including Brantwood School, Maplegrove School and Linbrook School.

Contextual Value

The Acacias also has contextual value because it is historically, physically, visually, and historically linked to its immediate setting. The residence is still surrounded by the acacia trees for which it was named; however, the size of the lot has decreased over the years as parcels of land were severed off from the original small farm. The front garden of the property includes a wall that links the house to the front yard and associated landscaping, an important design feature relating to the Arts and Crafts movement. The property still maintains a strong connection between the residence and its landscape, including the acacia trees, the surrounding gardens and garden walls and the proximity to nearby Appleby creek.

Description of Heritage Attributes

Key exterior attributes of the house which embody its physical and historical significance include:

- Form of the 2-1/2 storey house;
- Clipped side gable bell cast roof with one storey projection;
- Exposed rafter tails;
- Painted brick first storey exterior cladding;
- Stained wood shingles on the second storey and in the gable ends;
- Belt course that defines the transition between brick and shingles;
- Triple stack brick chimney;
- Grouped multi-pane casement window style, including trim, dormers and surrounds;

- Front entrance, including door and sidelights;
- Front entrance portico.

Key exterior attributes of the property which embody its physical and historical significance and connections between the house and its landscape include:

- The acacia trees;
- The orientation of the house relative to the road, creek and garden;
- The front garden wall which links the house to the landscape.

Explanatory Note

Re: Heritage Designation By-law No. 2015-044

By-law No. 2015-044 has the following purpose and effect:

To designate the Acacias located at 573 Lakeshore Road West as a property of cultural heritage value or interest pursuant to the provisions of the *Ontario Heritage Act*, R.S.O., 1990, Chapter O.18, Part IV, Section 29.