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**Subject: Notice of Intention to Designate
Kaitting House Parkette
257 Ellen Davidson Drive, Oakville, Ontario**

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, Oakville, Ontario L6H 0H3, no later than **April 4, 2016**.

Sincerely,

Susanna Willie
Legislative Coordinator

Encls.

cc: Mark H. Simeoni, Director of Planning Services
N. Chandra, Assistant Town Solicitor
Diane Childs, Planning Services
Carolyn Van Sligtenhorst, Heritage Planner

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NOTICE OF INTENTION TO DESIGNATE

On February 16, Oakville Town Council resolved to pass a Notice of Intention to Designate the following property under Section 29 of the *Ontario Heritage Act*, R.S.O. 1990, c. O.18, as amended, as a property of cultural heritage value and interest:

Kaitting House Parkette
257 Ellen Davidson Drive, Oakville, Ontario

Description of Property

The Kaitting House Parkette is located on the north side of Ellen Davidson Drive near the intersection of Preserve Drive and Dundas Street West. The property is a Town-owned public park that contains remnants of the historic Kaitting House and features which commemorate the history of the former house.

Statement of Cultural Heritage Value or Interest

The Kaitting House Parkette has cultural heritage value for its features and design which commemorate the former Kaitting House which was destroyed in a fire in 2009. The primary feature on the site is a section of brick wall which was salvaged from the original house and reconstructed within the parkette. Other features include the historical plaque, the placement of ornamental fruit trees to the east of the wall, the view of the wall from Ellen Davidson Drive, and the curved design of the path which references the original curved lane on the farm.

The salvaged brick wall originally formed the southwest corner of the Kaitting House. Originally located where Jemima Drive now meets Lane 141, the house was part of a 200-acre farm on Lot 18, Concession 1 NDS settled by John and Elizabeth Kaitting in 1808. The Kaittings left the United States and moved to Trafalgar Township where they raised at least six children on the farm, including Jemima, William, Sarah, Betsy, Hannah, and Amanda. Son William took over the farm with his wife Ellen Davidson and the family continued to farm the land until 1909. The property was then purchased by the King family who owned the farm for several decades, referring to it as Kingsholm.

The 1 ½ storey brick house was constructed in 1848 and was an example of the 'Ontario vernacular' farmhouse style designed with influences from the Neoclassical style. The house once included a wide front porch, 8/8 and 6/6 wood windows, a decorative dentilled cornice, and a front entrance with an impressive door surround. Interior features, such as the staircase, baseboards and window trim, were examples of fine craftsmanship and would have been very sophisticated for a mid-19th century farmhouse.

The Kaitting Parkette is contextually significant as a reminder of the former Kaitting House which was located nearby. The original house was one of many farmhouses that once dotted the former agricultural landscape of Trafalgar Township and was a significant site along Dundas Street, one of the earliest travel routes in Upper Canada. The salvaged remnants of the house and commemorative features in the parkette are an important reminder of this rural history. These elements within the parkette, along with historical street names used nearby, allow the public to learn about and appreciate Oakville's rural past.

Any objection to this designation must be filed no later than April 1, 2016. Objections should be directed to the Town Clerk, 1225 Trafalgar Road, Oakville, Ontario L6H 0H3.

Any inquiries may be directed to Carolyn Van Sligtenhorst heritage planner at 905-845-6601, ext. 3875 (TTY 905-338-4200), or by email at carolyn.van@oakville.ca.

The last date to file a notice of objection is April 4, 2016.