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Ministry of Citizenship, Culture and Recreation 77 Bloor Street West, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Toronto ON M7A 2R9

Attn: Nancy Smith

Dear Ms Smith:

## Re:Rice-Moore Home @ 417 Tice Road

In accordance with Section 31 of Ontario Heritage Act, R.S.O. 1990, Chapter 0.18, please find enclosed herewith the Notice of Intention to Repeal a Part of the Designation on the above noted residence.

Yours very truly,

TOWN OF PELHAM

JB/her Encl. Jack Bernardi

Director of Planning Services

## TOWN OF PELHAM PUBLIC NOTICE

In the Matter of Ontario Heritage Act, R.S.O. 1990, Chapter 0.18

And in the matter of the structure and property referred to as the "Rice-Moore" home and known municipally as 417 Tice Road

## NOTICE OF INTENTION TO REPEAL A PART OF THE DESIGNATION

Take notice that the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Pelham intends to repeal a part of the designation of the structure and property known as the "Rice-Moore" home, 417 Tice Road, for the purpose of demolishing a portion of the structure under Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act, R.S.O. 1990, Chapter 0.18

REASON FOR THE DEMOLITION OF THE REAR PORTION OF THE STRUCTURE After visiting this handsome designated mid-nineteenth century house attached to an even earlier structure, purportedly the original dwelling and continuing as the kitchen and ancillary rooms of the house, the dilemma of preserving this older section can be understood.

Though historic due to its age and early origin and a component of the designated composite, this older wing has been much compromised over the years by adaptation and alteration to suit more modern needs. It has suffered its authenticity to modern claddings and interior finishes, becoming mainly a surviving structure with some vestiges of historic materials and finishes but very few original details. Furthermore, it has deteriorated physically and presents considerable difficulty to improvement of its performance and full structural capability.

Suffice it to say that the new brick front portion is indubitably of architectural significance and a distinguished design whereas the back, at best, would have been a vernacular expression. The rear-wing in its present state has, it seems, outlasted its usefulness and might well be considered for replacement by a new structure sympathetic in scale, form, detail and material to the later brick main portion, the design of the new being inspired preferably by the old wing. Nevertheless there may be some leeway considered in the actual size of this replacement, namely in its height, for the existing ridge is far below the eaves of the front section and the wing perhaps too low in conjunction with the two-storey section. Thus more usable space could be accommodated in the new upstairs.

However, every effort should be made to dismantle the historic earlier section with great care recording at the outset and during the course of the operation the process and noting the revelation of earlier and original material, perhaps also offering the original to somebody who might wish to take it on as a conservation project elsewhere. The exercise would be an excellent way to demonstrate an approach to renewal while ensuring the full record of the original, to become part of the conservation log of the Moore/Rice House itself.

Incidentally, the brick house shows strong similarities in design and detail to the work of John Latshaw, local architect of historical note, the blind opening being a feature of his treatment of Ruthven Park.

> Peter John Stokes, B.Arch., LL.D., F.R.A.I.C. Consulting Restoration Architect

Notice of objection to the proposed repeal of a portion of the designation may be filed with the Deputy Clerk of the Corporation of the Town of Pelham not later than the 18th day of June, 1999.

Dated at the Town of Pelham this 19th day of May, 1999 A.D. ) Corporation of the Town of Pelham

) Cheryl Miclette, Deputy Clerk

) P. O. Box 400, 20 Pelham Town Square

) Fonthill, Ontario LOS 1E0