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NOTICE

IN THE MATTER OF THE ONTARIO HERITAGE ACT, R.S.O. 1990, CHAPTER O. 18, AND THE MATTER OF THE LANDS AND PREMISES KNOWN AS EBENEZER COMMUNITY HALL (FORMER EBENEZER SCHOOLHOUSE), LOCATED AT 4494 EBENEZER ROAD IN THE CITY OF BRAMPTON, IN THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO:

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO DESIGNATE

TAKE NOTICE that the Council of the City of Brampton intends to designate property, being Ebenezer Community Hall (former Ebenezer Schoolhouse) and lands upon which the building is situated, at 4494 Ebenezer Road in the City of Brampton, in the Province of Ontario, as a property of cultural heritage value or interest under Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act, R.S.O. c. O. 18.

SHORT STATEMENT OF THE REASON FOR THE DESIGNATION

The Ebenezer School holds cultural heritage value. Significant built, historical and contextual heritage attributes are present. The property may also hold some archaeological potential.

The property is well preserved. The building and grounds vividly document the design, construction and uses of rural, one-room schools in the fashion promoted by Dr. Edgerton Ryerson, the "father" of the Ontario education system. Since the building has been altered little since construction, it serves as a vivid reminder of early education history in Ontario.

One-room schoolhouses, especially such well-preserved examples, are particularly rare in Peel Region. The school opened in November 1892 and operated continuously until 1962.

Ebenezer School also holds the distinction of being the last surviving township hall in Brampton. Between 1962 and 1973 the building served as the Toronto-Gore township council chambers.

The site holds significant landmark status and is directly associated, both visually and historically, to the equally significant Ebenezer Primitive Methodist Chapel.

To ensure that the cultural heritage significance of this property remains intact, certain heritage attributes are to be conserved, and they include: (exterior): wooden belfry with decorative wooden elements and a metal weathervane; imbrication cedar shingling over gable-end of front façade; coursed field stone foundation; unpainted, soft-clay, red brick façade, brick buttresses; simple wood fascia and soffits with cornice mouldings; a painted wooden sign displaying, "Ebenezer Community Hall" at gable end; pediment shaped front porch; wooden sash windows; "Queen Anne" upper window sashes on side facades; inscriptions by past students carved into bricks; (interior): tongue-in-groove wood paneling and wainscoting on walls and ceiling; Eastlake style boxed beams, outlined with simple wood trim, decorative fluting and scroll brackets; wood cornice mouldings; two built-in wood cabinets on north wall; prominent wood surrounds on windows; open floor plan.

The short statement of reason for the designation, including a description of the heritage attributes along with all other components of the detailed Heritage Report: Statement of Reason for Heritage Designation, constitute the "reason for heritage designation" required under the *Ontario Heritage Act*.

Please contact Jim Leonard, Heritage Coordinator in Urban Design Section, Planning, Design and Development Department at (905) 874-3825 to view this document.

Notice of objections to the proposed designation may be served on the Clerk no later than 4:30 p.m. on _____, 2005.

Dated at the City of Brampton on this ____th day of _____, 2005.

L. J. Mikulich, City Clerk, City of Brampton