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IN THE MATTER OF THE *ONTARIO HERITAGE ACT*, R.S.O. 1990
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AND IN THE MATTER OF THE LAND AND PREMISES
IN THE TOWN OF RICHMOND HILL, IN THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO
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NOTICE OF INTENTION TO DESIGNATE

To: Mr. Jim Leonard
The Ontario Heritage Trust
10 Adelaide Street East
Toronto ON M5C 1J3

TAKE NOTICE that the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Richmond Hill intends to designate the following property, including land and building, as a property of cultural heritage value or interest under Part IV of the *Ontario Heritage Act*, R.S.O. 1990, Chapter 0.18., as a property of cultural heritage value or interest under Section 29, *Ontario Heritage Act*, R.S.O. 1990, Chapter 0.18, amended 2005.

Property Description: Part of Lot 48, Concession 1, WYS
being Part 1 on Plan RS64R7162, Town of Richmond Hill

Municipal Address: 255 Mill Street, Town of Richmond Hill
(John Langstaff Jr. House)

Town File No.: D12-07339

Statement of Cultural Heritage Value or Interest

The John Langstaff Jr. House located at 255 Mill Street is recommended for designation under Part IV of the *Ontario Heritage Act* for physical/design, historical/associative and contextual reasons.

The building was constructed in 1847 for John Langstaff Jr. who was the manager of the Langstaff Mill which was located nearby on the south side of Mill Street at the Mill Pond. The house is a simple example of the vernacular Loyalist/Georgian style that was popular in Ontario during the first half of the nineteenth century.

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The structure contains physical/design value as a representative example of a simple vernacular Loyalist/Georgian dwelling. The façade's balanced windows and central door with a classical surround are hallmarks of this style.

The associative value of the property primarily relates to the Langstaff family who owned and operated a mill at the Mill Pond in the early 1830s. In 1847, John Jr. took over the operation of the mill and constructed this house. He successfully operated the mill and became a prominent member of the early Richmond Hill Community. The success of the mill helped to spawn the first development of Richmond Hill away from Yonge Street as other industries that relied upon the mill and the Don River began to develop. As such, this site is directly associated with the early development of Richmond Hill and Mill Street as an early source of power and employment. Today, the house remains as one of the last vestiges of the mill development that once dominated Mill Street. It is also one of only a handful of remaining cottages associated with the Langstaff Mill that remain on Mill Street.

The property contains contextual value due to its relationship to the Mill Pond which are historically and visually linked to each other. Due to its recognized value to the local community as a historic home, it may be considered a local landmark.

Description of Heritage Attributes

Key exterior attributes that contribute to the Colonial Revival design value of 255 Mill Street include the following:

- The building scale, massing and form;
- Understated yet straightforward example of the vernacular loyalist/Georgian architectural style, such as the façade's balanced windows and central door case with classical surround;
- The building's horizontal wood cladding, representative of mid-nineteenth century techniques;
- The building's setting, including its setback and location behind a dense screen of cedar and spruce trees and on an uphill gradient, which together create a sense of historic and residential character; and
- The building's proximity to the Mill Pond.

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Notice of Objection

Any person who objects to the proposed designation shall, within 30 days after the publication of this notice, serve on the Clerk of the Town of Richmond Hill, a Notice of Objection setting out the reason for the objection and all relevant facts. The last day to appeal the proposed designation is **July 21, 2014**. Service may be made by delivery personally to the Town Clerk or by Regular Mail at the following address:

Donna L. McLarty, Town Clerk
The Town of Richmond Hill
225 East Beaver Creek Road
Richmond Hill ON L4B 3P4



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- c. Antonio Dimilta, Assistant Town Solicitor
- c. Joanne Leung, Manager of Urban Design
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- c. [REDACTED], 255 Mill Street, Richmond Hill ON L4C 4B4