



THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF BRAMPTON

# BY-LAW

Number 20 - 2018

To designate the property at  
11223 Torbram Road as being  
of cultural heritage value or  
interest.

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WHEREAS Section 29 of the *Ontario Heritage Act*, R.S.O. 1990, Chapter O. 18, as amended, ("Act") authorizes the Council of a municipality to enact by-laws to designate real property, including all the buildings and structures thereon, to be of cultural heritage value or interest, if the property meets the Act's prescribed criteria;

AND WHEREAS the Brampton Heritage Board supports the designation of the property municipally known as 11223 Torbram Road;

AND WHEREAS a Notice of Intention to Designate has been published and served in accordance with the Act, and there has been no Notice of Objection served on the Clerk.

NOW THEREFORE the Council of the Corporation of the City of Brampton HEREBY ENACTS as follows:

1. The property at 11223 Torbram Road, more particularly described in Schedule "A", is hereby designated as being of cultural heritage value or interest pursuant to Part IV of the *Ontario Heritage Act*.
2. City Council shall cause a copy of this by-law to be registered against the property described in Schedule "A" to this by-law in the proper Land Registry Office.
3. The City Clerk shall cause a copy of this by-law to be served upon the owners of the property at 11223 Torbram Road and upon the Ontario Heritage Trust, and cause notice of this by-law to be published on the City's website in accordance with Council's Procedure By-law.
4. The short statement of the reason for the designation of the property, including a description of the heritage attributes are set out in Schedule "B" to this by-law.

ENACTED and PASSED this 21<sup>st</sup> day of February, 2018.

Approved as to  
form.  
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content.  
2018/02/18  
[David Waters]

  
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Linda Jeffrey, Mayor

  
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Peter Fay, City Clerk

**SCHEDULE "A" TO BY-LAW 20-2018**

**LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

PT LOT 16, CONCESSION 6 EHS, DESIGNATED AS PART 14 ON PLAN-43R-18218, EXCEPT PT 12 ON PLAN 43R-32842.

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## SCHEDULE "B" TO BY-LAW 20-2018

### DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY:

The property at 11223 Torbram Road is approximately 9.8 acres located on the east side of the Torbram Road, north of Countryside Drive. The subject site contains one-and-a-half storey single detached dwelling, several trees, and several accessory structures including a large gambrel-roof barn, long driveway and agricultural fields.

### SHORT STATEMENT OF THE REASON FOR THE DESIGNATION OF 11223 TORBRAM ROAD:

#### *Design/Physical Value*

The cultural heritage value of 11223 Torbram Road (Hewson Farmhouse) is related to its design or physical value as a representative example of a Gothic Revival residence from the late 19<sup>th</sup> century. The Gothic Revival period in Canadian architecture occurred between 1830 and 1890. Gothic Revival was widely used for churches, colleges and other public buildings, but residential dwellings were also built in the style. Common features on Gothic Revival houses include steep gable roofs, gabled dormers, arched windows, and decorative bargeboard and other millwork.

Built between the 1870s and 1880s, the Hewson Farmhouse has many characteristics of the Gothic Revival style. It is a one-and-a-half storey, T-shaped brick structure with cross-gable roof. The front façade is defined by a projecting central bay and three steeply-pitched gabled dormers, with the central dormer being the largest. The dwelling also features arched windows with brick voussoirs and wood sills, and two bay windows.

The farmhouse once had fine architectural features that were staples of the Gothic Revival style including bargeboard and finials on the gabled-dormers, roof gable finials, large front porch with fretwork and central balcony, and tall corbelled chimneys. The original red brick and buff brick quoining and window arches have been covered by white paint.

#### *Historical/Associative Value:*

The property is also valued for its association with the Hewson family. The property at Lot 16 Concession 6 EHS, Chinguacousy Township was originally owned by John Bostwick Senior, who received the Crown Patent for the 200 acre parcel in 1826. Thompson Thompson bought the southwest half in February 1832 and immediately resold the property to James Hewson. The *City of Toronto and the Home District Commercial Directory (1837)* locates James Hewson on Lot 16, Concession 6 EHS Chinguacousy Township. The Assessment Roll (1844) also notes that James 'Hughson' was located on Lot 16, Concession 6.

The Hewsons were an early settler family in Chinguacousy. James Hewson and his sister Mary, who became Mrs. Woodhall, immigrated to Upper Canada from Yorkshire, England, in the 1830s. James, born in York Fleet, was the brother of Matthew Hewson who fought in the Battle of Queenston Heights and received a medal for his bravery.

The Hewson family were Methodist and many of them are buried in Harrison's United Cemetery. A family reunion was held at Eldorado Park in 1930 to mark the centenary of their arrival in Canada, and was attended by over two hundred people. Charles Hewson, who eventually came to own the family property, was one of the organizers. The Hewsons are connected by marriage to many notable Chinguacousy families including the Harrisons.

James Hewson lived on the property until his death in 1888. While he was still alive, James sold the land to his son, Richard Hewson in 1877. Richard served as Deputy Reeve in 1877-78, and as Reeve in 1879. He was elected Warden of Chinguacousy in 1879. Richard lived on the property with his family until his first wife, Mary Somerville, passed away in the 1880s. He remarried to Emma Vernon and moved to Toronto Township but chose to retain and lease his land in Chinguacousy.

After Richard's death in 1909, the land passed to his widow. In 1927, the west half of the property, which contains the subject farmhouse, was granted first to Charles Hewson and then to Alma and Robert Ackroyd. The Ackroyds owned and ran a farm on the property from 1934 until 1965. The property continues to be used for agricultural purposes, however, the dwelling was recently vacated.

*Contextual Value:*

The property has contextual value as it defines, maintains, and supports the original agricultural character of the area. It is a familiar structure on the landscape and is visible from both Torbram Road and Countryside Drive.

**DESCRIPTION OF THE HERITAGE ATTRIBUTES OF THE PROPERTY:**

The heritage attributes comprise all façades, architectural detailing, construction materials and associated building techniques, as well as significant landscape elements and important vistas. The detailed heritage attributes/character defining elements include, but are not limited to:

- Gothic Revival architecture
- One-and-a-half storey height
- Cross-gable roof
- T-shaped layout
- Brick construction
- Three bay front façade with projecting central bay
- Three steeply-pitched gabled dormers
- Bay windows
- Arched windows
- Brick voussoirs
- Wood sills
- Wood soffit
- Wood fascia
- Wood front door
- 2-over-2 wood sash windows
- 1-over-1 wood sash windows
- Central chimneys
- Large willow tree