

NOTICE

In accordance with procedure By-law 160-2004, and in the matter of the *Ontario Heritage Act*, R.S.O. 1990, Chapter O. 18, and the matter of the lands and premises, located at 11687 Chinguacousy 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 situated at 11687 Chinguacousy 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. 1990, Chapter O. 18.

DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY

The property at 11687 Chinguacousy Road is located south of Mayfield Road, on the east side of Chinguacousy Road. It contains a late nineteenth-century one-and-a-half storey limestone farm residence.

STATEMENT OF THE REASON FOR THE DESIGNATION

Design/Physical Value:

The house at 11687 Chinguacousy Road has design and physical value as a representative example of a limestone house with a Georgian vernacular style. The Georgian period in Canadian architecture occurred between 1780 and 1860. By 1780, a significant number of emigrants moved from Great Britain to Canada, bringing the Georgian style of architecture during this period. The style is known for its balanced and symmetrical facades, muted ornament, simplicity, search for harmony and minimal detailing with proportions and elements based on the classical Greek and Roman architecture. Common features on Georgian houses include: symmetrical rectangular plans and massing rising to side gable or hipped roofs; symmetrical three bays or five bays front facades; chimney stacks near or at the end of the gable roof; repetition of identical rectangular sash windows on the front façade that are taller than they are larger; use of stone and wood or brick and wood; and modest use of neoclassical details.

The limestone Georgian house at 11687 Chinguacousy Road has been altered with the construction of late twentieth-century additions on its west and east facades. A one-storey brick addition was added to the west elevation of the house in 1979. Later, in 1991, a two-storey

Pseudo-Gothic addition was added to east elevation of the limestone house. The property's design and physical value are not found within the 1979 and 1991 additions.

The north and south elevations of the limestone house are both divided into three bays consisting of a central doorway bay with flanking bays of rectangular windows. These windows are crowned with dressed stone lintels and are resting on large stone sills. Other significant physical features found on the exterior of the house include the limestone walls, side gable roof and saltbox form. The thickness of the stonewalls can be observed from the interior of the house.

The house represents, for the City of Brampton and local community, a rare and unique example of its vernacular Georgian style with the exemplification of high-quality craftsmanship in its original interior detailing, and in the carefully coursed and positioned rough-stone masonry exterior walls. The design and physical value is displayed in the original limestone portion of the house. This house is one of the only few remaining stone houses in the City of Brampton, and must therefore, be conserved. The property is also of cultural heritage value because of its rural character and its natural landscape.

Historical/Associative Value:

The property is valued for its associations with the agricultural activity in the former Township of Chinguacousy. The property is deeply rooted in the farming and agricultural activity. The direct associations with pioneer farming as well as the agricultural development and prosperity of the area are manifested through the continuous use of the 100 acres of land by farming families and activities from the middle of the 19th century through the beginning of the 21st century.

The farming and agricultural activities have contributed to the growth and development of the former Township of Chinguacousy. Being one of the few remaining properties within the area that has maintained its associations with its agricultural past, the property of the Robert Hall House contributes to the understanding of the agricultural history within the former Township of Chinguacousy.

The property is also valued for its direct associations with Robert Hall who occupied the property from 1876 to 1907. Robert Hall was a prominent regional figure according to notes gathered in the Perkins Bull Collection. He was a justice of the peace and served as deputy reeve of Chinguacousy Township and as a Peel County councillor.

The farm limestone house yields or has the potential to yield information that contributes to the understanding nineteenth-century rural life in Chinguacousy Township as well as the Township's development and progression of farming wealth. There are few remaining nineteenth-century farmhouse in the area, likely due to their being replaced by more substantial residences as farming thrived later in the nineteenth-century and at the turn of the century. As a result, mostly remaining in the area are larger, grand houses built in the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries, which clearly demonstrate the prosperity of that later time. The subject farmhouse and farm

property at 11687 Chinguacousy Road represents what might have been a typical rural family home for the area, in earlier and more modest times during the nineteenth-century.

Contextual Value:

Contextually, the Robert Hall House is valued for its contribution to the character of the area. The limestone residence is one of the few distinctive buildings within the area that is valued for supporting and defining the historical character of the agricultural past of Chinguacousy Township. The property reflects the area's early farm settlements and continued agricultural activity.

The setting, orientation and setback of the farmhouse from Chinguacousy Road is linking the property to its surrounding context defined by the long lasting farming activity of the land and the agricultural history of Chinguacousy Township. Despite the later additions to the house, the property speaks to and supports the rural heritage of Brampton. The house has continually been the centre of the same working farm for the past 174 years. Surrounded by its original farm, historical farming activities and link to Chinguacousy Road, the property and Robert Hall House are historically, physically, functionally and visually linked to its surroundings.

DESCRIPTION OF HERITAGE ATTRIBUTES

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 of the property include, but are not limited to:

- The one-and-a-half storey limestone building (Robert Hall House)
- The visual link between the property and Chinguacousy Road
- The association of the property with the agricultural and farming history within the former Township of Chinguacousy
- The associations of the property with Robert Hall

The heritage attributes of the one-and-a-half storey limestone building (Robert Hall House) are:

- The Georgian style of the building
- The orientation of the building
- The height, scale, form and massing of the circa 1870s portions of the building
- The rectangular plan of the limestone house rising to a side gable roof
- The design and proportions of the gable roof
- The opposite exterior elevations divided into three bays with a symmetrical composition consisting of a central entrance bay and flanking bays of windows
- The course limestone masonry
- The placement, location and proportion of the rectangular window and door openings throughout the exterior of the limestone structure

- The stone lintels and sills
- The saltbox form and roofline
- The brick quoins

The heritage attributes of the property are not found on the 1979 one-storey brick addition to the west elevation of the house and the 1991 two-storey addition to the east elevation of the house.

The statement of reason for the designation, including a description of the heritage attributes, constitute the "reason for heritage designation" required under the *Ontario Heritage Act* to explain the cultural heritage value or interest of the property.

Please contact Pascal Doucet, Heritage Planner, at pascal.doucet@brampton.ca to view this document, and for further information. Any objections to this proposed designation must be filed with the City Clerk no later than 4:30 p.m. on November 14, 2021 (within 30 days of the publication of this notice).

Date: October 14, 2021

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