

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, known as Hewson Farmhouse located at 11223 Torbram 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 11223 Torbram Road (Hewson Farmhouse) 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 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

The property at 11223 Torbram Road is worthy of designation under Part IV of the *Ontario Heritage Act* for its cultural heritage value. The property meets the criteria for designation prescribed by the Province of Ontario under the three categories of design/physical value, historical/associative value and contextual value.

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 19th 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 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 was Methodist and many of them are buried in Harrison's United Cemetery in Brampton. A family reunion was held at Eldorado Park in 1930 to mark the centenary of their arrival to Canada, and was attended by over 200 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 of Chinguacousy Township, and as Reeve in 1879. He was elected a Warden of Peel 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.

Contextual Value:

The property has contextual value as it defines, maintains, and supports the agricultural character of the area.

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 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

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 Stavroula Kassaris, Heritage Coordinator, at 905.874.3825 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 June 4, 2016 (within 30 days of the publication of this notice).

Date: May 5, 2016

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