

NOTICE – 18 GRAFTON CRESCENT

In accordance with procedure By-law 160-2004, as amended, 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 the Cassin Farmhouse, located at 18 Grafton Crescent (formerly 10852 The Gore 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 18 Grafton Crescent (formerly 10852 The Gore 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.

DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY

The property is located on The Gore Road, south of Countryside Drive, situated within a new development. The principle structure is a detached, one-and-a-half storey masonry farmhouse. The main façade of the house is distinguished by painted quoins and voussoirs, decorative bargeboard, a broad porch with intricate woodwork and columns, and a unique balconette above a one storey bay. The landscape of the house is characterized by a row of mature trees along the front façade.

SHORT STATEMENT OF THE REASON FOR THE DESIGNATION

The property at 18 Grafton Crescent (formerly 10852 The Gore 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 or physical value, historical value, and contextual value.

The cultural heritage value of the Cassin Farmhouse on 18 Grafton Crescent is related to its design or physical value. The house is indicative of the High Victorian Gothic architectural style as it was interpreted in rural Central Ontario. The style is typically characterized by masonry construction that incorporated dichromatic brickwork. In North America, steep central gables and decorative wooden bargeboards were also typical of the style. The Cassin Farmhouse contains several elements of the High Victorian Gothic style, including a red brick body, buff brick trim, steep centre gable, and bargeboard.

The property also has historical or associative value as it is directly related to Brampton's early settlers, particularly the Robinson and Cassin families. The house is said to have been built on the 100 acre farm by a William Robinson in 1889. William Robinson may be a descendent of Abel Robinson I, who moved to Canada from York, England in 1837. Robinson died in 1851 and was buried in the Ebenezer Cemetery. His

son, Abel Robinson II, served as a Pathmaster for the Toronto Gore in 1865 and 1868, a fence viewer in 1867 and 1869, and was also an auditor for the township in 1871. Abel Robinson II and wife Mary had five children – John, Anne, James, Abel and William. The Historical Atlas of Peel County (1877) shows a dwelling in the location of the subject structure owned by William Robinson. William Robinson is also listed as a carpenter in Lynch's Directory of the County of Peel for 1873-1874. In 1933, the house was sold to a member of the Cassin family who owned the property until 1978.

The Cassin Farmhouse also holds contextual value, as it is directly associated with the long agricultural history of Brampton and the former Toronto Gore, as well as the building boom of the late 1800s. Early examples of farmhouses in the Toronto Gore were of log construction, with a few examples of brick, frame, and stone construction. A Census Return (1861) reveals an increase in the number of brick farmhouses. The change to more substantial and permanent residences marks a movement towards prosperous farmsteads created by an economic boom at that time. The masonry farmhouse alludes to the agricultural character of that once dominated the area.

DESCRIPTION OF HERITAGE ATTRIBUTES

Unless otherwise indicated, the reasons for designation apply generally to all exterior elevations, façades, foundation, roof and roof trim, all doors, windows, other structural openings and associated trim, all architectural detailing, construction materials of wood, stone, brick, plaster parging, metal and glazing and related building techniques, fencing, all trees, shrubs, hedgerows, other vegetation and the grounds and vistas generally.

To ensure that the cultural heritage value of this property is conserved, certain heritage attributes that contribute to its value have been identified. They include:

- Painted quoins and voussoirs
- Dichromatic brickwork
- Decorative bargeboard
- Broad porch with intricate woodwork and columns
- Cross gable roof with bargeboard at front façade
- Prominent bay window below balconette with unique iron cresting
- Association with the Robinson family
- Mature trees surrounding the house

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, 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 April 27, 2012 (within 30 days of the publication of this notice).

Date: March 28, 2012

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