

## **NOTICE – 8678 CHINGUACOUSY ROAD**

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 Robert McClure Farmhouse, located at 8678 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 8678 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. c. O. 18.

### **DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY**

The property is located on Chinguacousy Road, south of Queen Street West. The principle structure is a detached, 1  $\frac{3}{4}$  storey masonry farmhouse. The main façade of the house is distinguished by dichromatic brickwork, curved radiating voussoirs, quoins, band, and lozenge, a one-storey bay, double-sash windows with louvered shutters, and a diamond-cut hood mould over the front entrance. The farmstead's frontage is screened by a roadside planting of Northern Catalpa trees interspersed with oak, Norway spruce, walnut, and vegetation.

### **SHORT STATEMENT OF THE REASON FOR THE DESIGNATION**

The property at 8678 Chinguacousy Road (Robert McClure Farmhouse) 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 Robert McClure Farmhouse on 8678 Chinguacousy Road is related to its design or physical value as a well-built masonry farmhouse. Although the house reflects multiple architectural influences, the façade of the house primarily reflects the High Victorian Gothic style as it was interpreted in rural Central Ontario. The front façade of the house contains contrasting brick colours of rusty red and buff, which were typical to the style. A diamond-cut hood-mould over the front entrance demonstrates the decorative aspect of High Victorian Gothic architecture. A mix of pointed arches on the front façade evokes the broader Gothic Revival style, while rounded segmental arches evoke the Italianate style.

The cultural heritage value also lies in its association with Brampton's early settlers, particularly the McClure and Early families.

In 1860, David McClure purchased 100 acres of Lot 4, Concession 3, west of Hurontario Street. The 1861 Census of Canada shows that David McClure lived in a one-and-a-half storey brick house with his wife and nine children. In keeping with settlement trends, the house was a brick "starter home" that eventually formed the back part of the fancier brick construction at the front façade. The front portion of the house was built by Robert McClure, David and Jane's son, who acquired the farm in 1871. The front facade is marked by a date stone that reads "A.D. 1877". The McClure family is well-known in the Brampton area. In fact, there are five other McClure family related properties in the area. All of the McClure properties are located in Ward 6, located at Creditview Road, Heritage Road, Highway 7 and Mississauga Road.

The farm stayed with the McClure family until 1951, when Janet McClure sold the eastern half of Lot 4, Concession 3 WHS to Eleanor and Frank Early as joint tenants. The Early family eventually subdivided the land until the brick farmhouse occupied a lot less than 8 acres in size. In 1986, the property was granted to Francis Early, who subsequently sold it to Horatio and Maria Domingos in 1992.

The property also holds contextual value, as it is directly associated with Brampton's rich agricultural history. The farmstead is a remnant of a 100-acre pioneer farm associated with a branch of the McClure family. According to Pope's 1877 map of Chinguacousy, the area was a "first-class agricultural township." The land was noted for being prosperous since farms were usually in a high state of cultivation. In the late 19<sup>th</sup> century, the township experienced an economic boom much like its neighbouring township, the Toronto Gore. At this time, the shift from log to brick farmhouses represented the agricultural prosperity that prevailed in Brampton. As a masonry farmhouse constructed in the late 19<sup>th</sup> century, the McClure Farmhouse is a token of an important phase in the growth of Brampton.

The farmhouse is also associated with a broader historical context as it is located within close proximity to several other heritage resources. The Bowstring Arch Bridge, carrying Creditview Road over the Credit River, Creditdale Farm (8028 Creditview Road), and Camp Naivelt (8596 Creditview Road) have been designated under Part IV of the *Ontario Heritage Act*. Bonnie Braes, located southwest to the property at 8675 Creditview Road, and Springbrook Valley School, located at 1030 Queen Street West, are listed on the Municipal Heritage Register. The Churchville Heritage Conservation District is located approximately 3.3 km to the southeast, and the historic village of Springbrook is located about 1.5 km to the west of 8678 Chinguacousy Road.

## **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:

- Dichromatic brickwork including rusty red and buff brick colours
- Curved radiating voussoirs
- Pointed arch window under smaller gable
- Quoins, band, and lozenge
- One storey bay
- Double-sash wood windows with louvered shutters
- Diamond-cut hood mould over front entrance
- Authentic wood storm over double-sash window with tooled stone sill
- Date stone on front gable that reads "A.D. 1877"
- Transom and sidelights around front door
- Return cornice on second storey of rear extension
- Bell cage above garage portion of rear extension
- Mature Trees

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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