

## 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 Ethel Dale House, located at 249 Main Street North 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 249 Main Street North (Ethel Dale House) 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 situated along a residential strip facing Main Street North. The main feature of the rectangular-shaped lot is a detached brick house. The main façade of the house is distinguished by a verandah, a second storey protruding sunroom, prominent bay windows on the first and second floors, and dichromatic brickwork. The exterior of the house is further characterized by mature conifers and a circular paved driveway. The house has a rectangular plan.

### SHORT STATEMENT OF THE REASON FOR THE DESIGNATION

The property at 249 Main Street North 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 249 Main Street North is related to its design or physical value as a good example of a late Victorian dwelling with Italianate influence. The Italianate style is known for its design elements, the most notable being the highly decorated eave brackets, low-pitched roofs, and quoins. The house retains considerable original and early heritage fabric, including two prominent bay windows, emphasized by decorative cornice brackets, and several segmental windows positioned below arched, radiating voussoirs. The landscape contains mature vegetation, which contributes to the prevailing heritage character of Main Street North.

The property also has historical or associative value as it can be associated with important figures of Brampton's early years, specifically the Dale and Brydon families, and Jesse Perry. Jesse Perry bought the lot in 1878 and built the present house between 1878 and 1881. Perry was a well-known builder in Brampton, working in the contracting business for over 30 years. Perry has built several notable houses in

Brampton historic downtown. Following his death in 1931, a former apprentice stated “his name will forever be associated with the town of Brampton and Peel County as one of its outstanding and revered pioneers.” While the status may be lost on the citizens of Brampton today, the architecture acts as a physical reminder of the City’s past.

The second owner was Reverend William McFadden, a Wesleyan Methodist minister in Brampton, who bought the house in 1881. After his death circa 1885, McFadden’s remaining family lived in the house until 1918, when Mary Jane McFadden sold it to Ethel Dale, a daughter of Edward Dale. The Dale family played a vital role in Brampton’s history. In 1860, Edward Dale established a flower nursery, becoming a pioneer in the town’s newest industry. Within a few short years, Brampton became the “Flower Town of Canada,” and the Dale’s nursery became Brampton’s largest employer. 249 Main Street North was one of eight houses that were owned and occupied by members of the Dale family amongst the acres of greenhouses that covered lands on both the east and west sides of Main Street. When Ethel died in 1946, ownership of the house was transferred to her husband, Dr. William Brydon.

The cultural heritage value of the property is connected to its contextual value as well, as it is a familiar structure on Main Street North. It maintains, supports, and defines the character of the neighbourhood, which is composed of 19<sup>th</sup> to 20<sup>th</sup> century houses. The property maintains the overall form, proportions, and set-back of the buildings that once ran the length of Main Street North.

## **DESCRIPTION OF HERITAGE ATTRIBUTES**

Unless otherwise indicated, the reasons for designation apply generally to all exterior elevations, facades, 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:

- 2<sup>nd</sup> storey bay window and protruding sunroom
- Well-defined corner quoins
- Curved cornice brackets
- Half-round window above door
- Segmental windows with arched radiating voussoirs
- Verandah with 3 black pillars and slate steps
- Red brick with cream and brown trim
- Mature conifers on front lawn

- Truncated hipped roof that takes on a cross-hipped configuration
- A wood carved keystone
- Carved archway element in the interior of the house
- Unique red interior stairs enhanced by decorative posts
- Ornamental ceiling medallion underneath ground-floor tiles

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 in Urban Design Section, Planning, Design and Development Department 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 November 30, 2011 (within 30 days of the publication of this notice).

Dated at the City of Brampton on this 1st day of November 2011.

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