

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 11651 Bramalea 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 11651 Bramalea 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 11651 Bramalea Road is located on the east side of Bramalea Road, south of Inspire Boulevard.

SHORT STATEMENT OF THE REASON FOR THE DESIGNATION

Design/Physical Value:

The Archdekin-Giffen Farmhouse at 11651 Bramalea Road exhibits design or physical value as a representative example of vernacular farmhouses built in Peel County during the third quarter of the 19th century. Vernacular buildings were built using local materials and methods and were often local variations of known architectural styles. In Peel County, many of these vernacular buildings were red brick, owing to the clay rich soil in the area.

Built sometime after 1861 and before 1877, the farmhouse exhibits a plan incorporating a front part and a back wing, an essentially symmetrical Neoclassical form, a central pediment influenced by the Gothic Revival and Italianate styles, and walls of dichromatic brick where red is in the body and white is for the accent trim. The white (buff-coloured) brick trim against the red brick body makes a bold pattern of crosses in the stringcourse across the front facade and in the corners of walls where a pattern resembling quoins is found. The farmhouse's one-and-a-half storey height is also typical of the time period. Once seen on a number of farms in Peel County, the building type has become increasingly rare due to loss from urbanization and changes in farming practice.

The Archdekin-Giffen Farmhouse also displays a high degree of craftsmanship or artistic merit as exhibited by the brickwork of the building. The walls of the Farmhouse are of dichromatic brick, where red is used in the body and white is used for the accent trim. The white (buff-

coloured) brick trim against the red brick body makes a bold pattern of crosses in the stringcourse across the front façade and in the corners of the walls where a pattern resembling quoins is found.

Historical/Associative Value:

The Archdekin-Giffen Farmhouse has historical/associative value, as it is associated with two early farming families who pioneered to Chinguacousy Township in the early 19th century. In 1826, eight years after the Mississague Nation surrendered the interior of the Mississague Tract to the British government, the family of Peter Archdeacon (later spelt Archdeakin and, finally, Archdekin), Sr. settled on the land. Following a default on a mortgage, the Archdekin homestead was sold to William Giffen in 1865. William Giffen had settled on a farm a few lots down on Fourth Line East (Bramalea Road) and may have purchased the farm for his son, John Giffen, who was married in 1865. John Giffen was an assessor for the East Half of Chinguacousy in the late 19th century and chairman of the school board for nine years.

The Archdekin-Giffen farmhouse could have been built by either family. The Giffens farmed the land until 1918 when they sold the farm to James Archdekin, returning it to a branch of the Archdekin family. The Archdekins are also closely associated with another farmhouse to the northwest at 4585 Mayfield Road. Both families remained associated with Brampton agricultural community well into the 20th century.

Contextual Value:

The Archdekin-Giffen Farmhouse exhibits contextual value, as it reflects the early agricultural history of Chinguacousy Township. It is the last surviving cultural heritage resource built in the 19th century extant along Bramalea Road and is important in representing Brampton's agricultural past. It is historically linked to Bramalea Road and the Farmhouse's front elevation has maintained its historic relationship with Bramalea Road.

DESCRIPTION OF HERITAGE ATTRIBUTES

The heritage attributes comprise all façades, architectural detailing, construction materials and associated building techniques. The detailed heritage attributes/character defining elements include:

- The Farmhouse's one-and-a-half storey height which is capped by medium-pitched cross-gable roofs;
- A house plan incorporating a front section and back wing, whose footprint is set back from the front section;
- Essentially symmetrical fenestration across the three-bay front façade and the front section's two-bay gable ends;
- Central pediment in the front façade, containing a round-arched window;
- Distribution of doors and windows in the back wing;
- Brick construction with an outermost wall of dichromatic brick;
- Buff brick accent trims;
- Pattern of crosses in the stringcourse across the front façade;
- Wood cornice and eaves, and substantial eave returns on the gable ends;
- Stone window sills, stone sill below the front door, and stone cellar window lintels;

- Cellar window well with the date of Aug. 1st 1930 inscribed in the concrete;
- Rubble stone of the original foundation walls.

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 Erin Smith, Assistant Heritage Planner, 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 December 5, 2018 (within 30 days of the publication of this notice).

Date: November 5, 2018

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