Heritage Report:
Reasons for Heritage Designation

10300 The Gore Road
Former Castlemore School S.S. No. 6

April 2014
**Profile of Subject Property**

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1. Current Situation:

The property at 10300 The Gore Road (former Castlemore Schoolhouse) is worthy of designation under Part IV of the *Ontario Heritage Act* for its cultural heritage value or interest. The property meets the criteria for designation prescribed by the Province of Ontario under *Ontario Heritage Act*, Regulation 9/06 for the categories of design/physical value, historical/associative value, and contextual value.

2. Description of Property

The former Castlemore School at 10300 The Gore Road is located on the west side of The Gore Road, mid-block between Castlemore Road and Countryside Drive. The principle structure is a brick, one-and-half-storey vernacular schoolhouse. It features a gable roof with a prominent tower. The principle structure is set back from the road with a modern residence located to the east. The property is screened with large coniferous trees to the south. The property is within the Toronto-Gore Rural Estate area, and is in close proximity to the new Gore Meadows Community Centre and Library.

3. Statement of Cultural Heritage Value or Interest

Design/Physical Value:

The cultural heritage value of the former Castlemore Schoolhouse at 10300 The Gore Road is related to its design or physical value, as it is a representative and good example of a vernacular one-room schoolhouse. The schoolhouse is well designed in a typical one-room schoolhouse style. It has a gable roof with a prominent tower on the east end. The bullseye window in the gable peak has replaced a circular wood label. The schoolhouse is constructed out of brick with common bonds and header rows every sixth row. A dichrome brick pattern decorates the front frieze and around the bullseye window. The building also features buff brick quoins, and buff brick flat segmental arch with stone keystones over the windows and front door.

Historical/Associative Value:

The property also has historical value as it can be associated with both the village of Castlemore and the former one-room schoolhouses of Toronto Gore Township. It is also historically significant due to its previous use as Castlemore School S.S. #6 for 89 years.
The village of Castlemore had a population of about 100 people in 1877. It was a small village on The Gore Road, ten miles from Brampton. The Peel County Atlas (1877) describes the village having a Post Office and store, a blacksmith shop, a hotel, an English Church, and a “good” schoolhouse. The first public school situated near Castlemore was of frame construction. It was located on the 9th concession, in the east half of lot 11, Toronto Gore. It was built on a small parcel sold to the school trustees by Patrick Doherty. It was replaced in 1873 by the present brick building on a new site containing one acre of land in the 9th concession in the east half of lot 12. The schoolhouse remains in its original location today.

The one-room schoolhouse style illustrates the trend in the Ontario education system at the time. One-room schoolhouses were promoted by Dr. Edgerton Ryerson, the “father” of the Ontario education system, and were the model of Ontario education for generations. There were two other one-room schools in Toronto Gore Township: Union Section #4 Toronto Gore, #18 Chinguacousy, known as Tullamore, and Union Section #10 Toronto Gore, #23 Vaughan, or Ebenezer. School Section #6 Toronto Gore, or Castlemore, was the only school not in a union section with another township.

Progressing along with the trend away from one-room schools and towards graded schools, it was decided that the three one-room schools in the Toronto Gore Township would be consolidated into one new school, Castlemore Public School on the Gore Road just south of Castlemore Road. The three schools in township, Castlemore, Ebenezer, and Tullamore, closed on June 19th, 1962.

**Contextual Value:**

The former Castlemore Schoolhouse also holds contextual value as it is visually and historically linked to its surroundings. It also supports, reflects and contributes to the rural character of the former Toronto Gore Township and the village of Castlemore. Although set back on the property, the school’s tower can be seen along The Gore Road and from the intersection of Castlemore Road and The Gore Road. The schoolhouse is one of the last remaining remnants of rural heritage in an area that is becoming urbanized.

4. **Description of Heritage Attributes**

Unless otherwise indicated, the reason 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 specifically and they include:

**Design/Physical Value:**

- One-and-a-half storey, one-room schoolhouse
- Gable roof
- Bullseye window
- Bell tower
- Dichrome brick patterning under front façade eaves
- Corbel brick pattern under eaves
- Quoining
- Buff brick flat segmental arches with stone keystones over windows

**Historical/Associative Value:**

- Constructed in 1873
- Functioned as Castlemore School S.S. No. 6 for 89 years (1873-1962)
- Illustrates the trend of one room schoolhouses
- Associated with the rural schools of the Toronto Gore Township, one of a few still standing

**Contextual Value:**

- Visually marks the former rural community of Castlemore
- Visible along The Gore Road

**5. Alteration History and Heritage Integrity**

The following are the known alterations to the subject property:

- Six gable dormers added, three on each side of roof
- Bullseye window added in place of circular wood label with date and school name
- Bell tower enclosed in vinyl siding
- Back porch addition
• Replacement front door and windows
• Garage door added on north side
• Modification/replacement of rear wall with newer bricks

6. Archaeological Potential

The subject property has archaeological potential. An archaeological assessment should be completed in advance of any major soil disturbance occurs on this property.

7. Policy Framework

In the context of land use planning, the Province of Ontario has declared that the wise use and management of Ontario’s cultural heritage resources is a key provincial interest.

A set of Provincial Policy Statements (PPS) provides planning policy direction on matters of provincial interest in Ontario. These statements set the policy framework for regulating the development and use of land. The relevant heritage policy statement is PPS 2.6.1, which states that “significant built heritage resources and significant cultural heritage landscapes shall be conserved”. PPS 2.6.1 is tied to Section 3 of the Ontario Planning Act, which stipulates that land use planning decisions by municipalities “shall be consistent with” the Provincial Policy Statements.

The policy is also integrated with the Ontario Heritage Act. This piece of legislation grants municipalities powers to preserve locally significant cultural heritage resources through heritage designation. Decisions as to whether a property should be designated heritage or not is based solely on its inherent cultural heritage value or interest.

City Council prefers to designate heritage properties with the support of property owners. However, Council will designate a property proactively, without the concurrence of a property owner as required. These principles are reflected in Brampton’s Official Plan. The relevant policies are as follows:

Section 4.9.1.3: All significant heritage resources shall be designated as being of cultural heritage value or interest in accordance with the Ontario Heritage Act to help ensure effective protection and their continuing maintenance, conservation and restoration.
Section 4.9.1.5: Priority will be given to designating all heritage cemeteries and all Class A heritage resources in the Cultural Heritage Resources Register under the Ontario Heritage Act.

Section 4.9.1.6: The City will give immediate consideration to the designation of any heritage resource under the Ontario Heritage Act if that resource is threatened with demolition, significant alterations or other potentially adverse impacts.

In 2013, the City of Brampton released a new Strategic Plan to guide the evolution, growth and development of the city over the next two decades. Heritage preservation is one of the strategic priorities of this new Strategic Plan.

These principles are also guided by recognized best practices in the field of heritage conservation.
8. Resources

City of Brampton, “Summary of Historical Associations for Purposes of Inventory Evaluation: 10300 The Gore Road (Former Castlemore S.S. No. 6).” July 2001.


Heritage Resource Centre. University of Waterloo.


Region of Peel Archives, Tweedsmuir History of the Castlemore Women's Institute, Vol 1 & 2. 88.064 M81.0036.

Region of Peel Archives, Castlemore School ca. 1910, #374-11.


Tremaine, George. Tremaine’s Map of the County of Peel, 1859.

9. Appendix

Figure 1: Aerial map of 10300 The Gore Rd (Source: Brampton Maps)

Figure 2: Bird’s eye view of 10300 The Gore Rd (Source: Bing Maps)
Figure 3: Tremaine’s Map (1859) indicating the ownership of Part of Lot 12, Con 9, ND Toronto Gore by Patrick Dougherty. Of note is mention of School House No. 6 on the property.

Figure 4: 1877 Peel County Atlas map showing a schoolhouse on the subject property.
Figure 5: Archival image of the Castlemore School, date unknown (Source: City of Brampton)

Figure 6: Castlemore School, date unknown. (Source: Tweedsmuir History of the Castlemore Women’s Institute, PAMA)
Figure 7: Castlemore School, date unknown. (Source: City of Brampton)

Figure 8: Pupils of the Castlemore School S.S. #6 circa 1932 (Source: PAMA)
Figure 9: Northwest elevation of Castlemore Schoolhouse showing gable roof, bell tower, bullseye window and dichrome brick pattern

Figure 10: Bullseye window that replaced the circular wood label with date and school name, and dichrome brick pattern
Figure 11: Buff brick quioning and brick patterning under eaves

Figure 12: Buff brick flat segmental arch with stone keystones over windows, and corbelled brick pattern
Figure 13: South elevation of Castlemore Schoolhouse

Figure 14: Southwest elevation of Castlemore Schoolhouse
Figure 15: Contextual view of Castlemore Schoolhouse looking west from The Gore Road