

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 18 River 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 River 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 18 River Road is adjacent to the River Road Cultural Heritage Landscape (CHL) that extends westward from Mississauga Road and follows the north side of the road. The CHL is identified as reflecting the former rural and recreational character of the area adjacent to the former mill pond associated with McMurchy Woolen Mill. The property's mature trees and rich vegetation reflect the predominant landscaping of the River Road Cultural Heritage Landscape.

The Property is an irregularly shaped parcel on the south side of River Road between the intersection with Mississauga Road and River Road's curve south to follow the river in the City of Brampton, Ontario. The approximately 0.66-hectare lot comprises a 20th century residential building, three rear cottages, and a series of sheds and accessory buildings. The house is a one-and-a-half storey stucco clad building.

SHORT STATEMENT OF THE REASON FOR THE DESIGNATION

DESIGN/PHYSICAL VALUE:

The house on the property has design and physical value as it is a representative example of the Craftsman Bungalow architectural style. Attributes of the building that express the Craftsman style include its one-and-a-half storey height; broad, low-pitched roof with a 'blanket-like' appearance; overhanging eaves; ample exterior space; residential use; lack of ornamentation; chimney; dormers; large bay and picture windows; covered porch; and rustic materials.

HISTORICAL/ASSOCIATIVE VALUE:

The Property has historical and associative value because it has a direct association with prominent families that are significant to the community. The property is directly associated to Joel Wurts, who purchased the lands from the Hutton Estate in 1898 and became the first owner. The Wurts family later changed their family name and went on to become prominent as part of the Gooderham and Worts Distillers. The Property is directly associated with the McMurchy family and Darius McClure, both of whom were prominent in the community and made significant contributions to the development of Huttonville and Brampton.

CONTEXTUAL VALUE:

The property has contextual value because it is physically, functionally, visually or historically linked to its surroundings. The property's mature trees and rich vegetation reflect the predominant landscaping of the River Road Cultural Heritage Landscape. The house and ancillary buildings are visually linked to the low-rise cottage-style housing subdivision built during the post-war period. One of the earliest residential structures on the North side of the Credit River, the property used to form part of and was owned by the historic Huttonville Park which was a popular recreational destination for people across the GTA in the 1920s as well as a fundraising venue for WWII war efforts.

The property's ownership history, which includes Darius McClure, John McMurchy and Huttonville Park Inc. reinforce its connection to the town of Huttonville, the McMurchy Powerhouse and Mills and the nearby Credit River.

DESCRIPTION OF THE HERITAGE ATTRIBUTES OF THE PROPERTY:

The heritage attributes comprise all façades, architectural detailing, construction materials and associated building techniques, as well as significant landscape elements and important vistas. The detailed heritage attributes/character defining elements include, but are not limited to:

- Design/Physical Elements:
 - The orientation of the house fronting onto the road (O. Reg. 9/06, criteria 1 and 4);
 - Relationship of the house to the Creek (O. Reg. 9/06, criteria 4);
 - The scale and massing of the building (O. Reg. 9/06, criteria 1);
 - Symmetrical proportions (O. Reg. 9/06, criteria 1);
 - Lack of ornamentation (O. Reg. 9/06, criteria 1);
 - One-and-a-half storey height (O. Reg. 9/06, criteria 1);
 - Rectangular plan with a bay window on each of the north and south elevations (O. Reg. 9/06, criteria 1);
 - Broad, low-pitch hip roof with a 'blanket-like' appearance (O. Reg. 9/06, criteria 1);
 - Hip roofed dormers on the north, east, and west elevations (O. Reg. 9/06, criteria 1);
 - Overhanging eaves (O. Reg. 9/06, criteria 1);
 - Stucco clad chimney with red brick underneath (O. Reg. 9/06, criteria 1);
 - Stucco clad exterior with red brick underneath (O. Reg. 9/06, criteria 1);
 - Covered porch at the northeast corner (O. Reg. 9/06, criteria 1).

- Mature trees and other vegetation contribute to the urban forest along River Road CHL (O. Reg. 9/06, criteria 8).

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 Johanna Keus, Assistant Heritage Planner, at Johanna.keus@brampton.ca 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 February 16th, 2025 (within 30 days of the publication of this notice).

Date: January 17th, 2025

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