

On May **, 2024, Oakville Town Council resolved to pass a Notice of Intention to Designate the following property under Section 29 of the *Ontario Heritage Act*, R.S.O. 1990, c. O.18, as amended, as a property of cultural heritage value and interest:

Fairmonte
129 Tavistock Square
PCL 11-1, SEC M40 ; LT 11, PL M40 ; OAKVILLE

Description of Property

The property at 129 Tavistock Square is located on the east side of Tavistock Square, a short cul-de-sac street located on the north side of Lakeshore Road West, just east of Morden Road. The property contains a 1931 Tudor Revival style one-and-a-half-storey house known as Fairmonte.

Statement of Cultural Heritage Value or Interest

Design and Physical Value

Fairmonte has design value as a representative example of a 1930s Tudor Revival style home. This Period Revival style of architecture came out of the Arts and Crafts movement and became popular in Ontario in the early 20th century. Designed to reference and mimic historic Tudor-era architecture, the style revived and reinterpreted historic medieval aesthetics in a contemporary way. The Tudor Revival style can be seen in the following attributes of the Thornton House: irregular, non-linear façades; steep roofs with varying designs and heights; random window patterns and sizes; tall, narrow leaded-glass windows; exposed wood eaves; brick cladding; and stucco and half-timbered cladding. The house contains a mix of local materials and elements from the Arts and Crafts era that embody craftsmanship made from natural materials. The house is a modest yet charming structure and a good representative example of the Tudor Revival style.

Historical and Associative Value

Fairmonte has cultural heritage value for its association with Henry S. Thornton, whose family founded the Dudgeon and Thornton printing company in Toronto, which remains today as GMThornton Print Management. Henry had the subject house constructed and as a market gardener, likely used the land to grow his produce. The property is also associated with Dick Goodin, an agricultural specialist who was known across North America for his commitment to growing and marketing produce. In addition to his professional work in the agricultural field, Goodin contributed to his local community in a variety of ways, serving on a number of boards and committees.

Contextual Value

Fairmonte has cultural heritage value because it is physically and historically linked to its surroundings. The building is located in its original location where it was retained as part of the development of a 1970 subdivision on Tavistock Square. The Thornton House still functions as a residential home and contributes to the understanding of local history, particularly early 1900s Oakville. It documents a time when many areas surrounding the Town of Oakville were transitioning from farmland to estates and residential subdivisions. This subject property is an example of this important shift in Oakville that would later define the Town.

Description of Heritage Attributes

Key heritage attributes of the property at 129 Tavistock Square that exemplify its cultural heritage value as a representative example of a 1930s Tudor Revival style home, as they relate to the north, east, south and west elevations of the historic one-and-a-half-storey house, include:

- The massing and form of the historic one-and-a-half-storey house with intersecting gable roofs of varying heights and the one-storey hip-roofed sunroom wing;
- Multi-coloured corduroy brick in a running bond pattern;
- Heavily textured stucco and wood half-timbering cladding in the gables;
- Projecting and exposed wood eaves, wood soffits, and wood fascia;
- The fenestration of the windows and front door on the west and south elevations;
- The presence of wood windows and a wood front door in the Tudor Revival style;
- Three leaded-glass windows adjacent to and near the front door;
- Concrete window sills; and
- Brick chimney on the west elevation.

Any objection to this designation must be filed no later than June **, 2024. Objections must be directed to the Town Clerk at townclerk@oakville.ca or 1225 Trafalgar Road, Oakville, Ontario L6H 0H3. The objection must include the reasons for the objection and all relevant facts.

Further information respecting this proposed designation is available from the Town of Oakville. Any inquiries may be directed to Carolyn Van Sligtenhorst, Supervisor of Heritage Conservation at 905-845-6601, ext.3875 (TTY 905-338-4200), or by email at carolyn.van@oakville.ca.

Issued at the Town of Oakville on May **, 2024.