

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO DESIGNATE

On July 10, 2017, 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:

Van Sickle Farm,
3451 Tremaine Road, Oakville, Ontario
Part of Lot 35, Concession 1 Trafalgar North of Dundas Street, as in 590720; Oakville

Description of Property

The Van Sickle Farm is located on the east side of Tremaine Road north of Highway 407 along the municipal boundary of the City of Burlington and Town of Oakville. Once part of a larger 200 acre parcel of land, this 17 acre property contains a two and a half storey red brick residence and associated farm outbuildings.

Statement of Cultural Heritage Value or Interest

The Van Sickle Farm has cultural heritage value in its historic and associative value with the theme of agricultural development of Trafalgar Township and with the early settlers of Trafalgar Township, including the Van Sickle family who owned and farmed the subject lands for over 100 years.

The earliest European settlements in Trafalgar Township sprang up along Dundas Street, which was an important transportation route running from Toronto to Hamilton. As a result, the land along Dundas Street contained the first lots to be settled and cleared for cultivation in Trafalgar Township. The subject property, whose lot originally ran from Dundas Street at the south to Burnhamthorpe Road at the north, bounded by Tremaine Road on the west, was farmed by the Book family as early as 1816.

James Van Sickle purchased almost 200 acres of land from William Book between 1867 and 1870 and farmed it for many years. The residence on the subject property was likely built for one of James's sons, Jonathan Van Sickle, who inherited the northern portion of the family farm. Jonathan, like his father before him, farmed the property. He married Olivia Huffman in 1902 and they raised four children in the farmhouse. The property remained in the Van Sickle family for over 100 years until 1969.

The Van Sickle Farm has cultural heritage value in its design and physical value as a representative complex of late nineteenth to early twentieth century farm buildings, specifically in the two and a half storey red brick Queen Anne Revival style farmhouse and the stone outbuilding. The farmhouse exhibits a number of features typical of the Queen Anne Revival style, such as the asymmetrical front façade with two storey window bay and pedimented gable and decorative trim. The stone outbuilding, purportedly a smokehouse, has the ability to yield information about the stone construction techniques and uses of early agricultural buildings.

Heritage Attributes

Key features that relate to the historic, associative, design and physical value of the Van Sickle Farm include:

- The Queen Anne Revival style two and a half storey red brick farmhouse with the following details:
 - Asymmetrical front façade;
 - Low hip roof;
 - Red brick exterior walls laid in a common bond configuration
 - Two and a half storey projecting window bay with pedimented gable, including windows with rounded transoms and brick voussoirs;
 - Random-coursed fieldstone foundation;
 - Segmental arched window openings with brick voussoirs;
 - Single pane attic window;
 - Double wood entrance doors;
 - Ornate wooden detailing in bargeboard along the front pediment;
 - Cornice brackets below the eaves;
 - Wood front porch, including brackets, spindles and posts;
 - Red brick chimneys.
- The one-storey fieldstone outbuilding with the following details:
 - Front gable cedar roof;
 - Brick chimney;
 - Wood two-pane windows with wood headers and sills;
 - Wood door and door jamb.

Any objection to this designation must be filed no later than August 26, 2017. Objections should be directed to the Town Clerk, 1225 Trafalgar Road, Oakville, Ontario L6H 0H3.

Any inquiries may be directed to Susan Schappert, heritage planner at 905-845-6601, ext. 3870 (TTY 905-338-4200), or by email at susan.schappert@oakville.ca.

The last date to file a notice of objection is August 26, 2017.