Statement of Cultural Heritage Value or Interest

Brimson-Gummerson House c. 1880

The subject property has been researched and evaluated to determine its cultural heritage significance according to Ontario Regulation 9/06. This Regulation, defined in the *Ontario Heritage Act*, outlines several criteria for determining whether a property is of cultural heritage value or interest. For a property to be designated under section 29 of the *Ontario Heritage Act,* it must meet two or more of these criteria, which are outlined below. By using these criteria, staff can determine if the property's cultural heritage value or interest merits designation under the *Ontario Heritage Act*.

Description of Property

The property at 151 Church Street is located on the west side of Church Street. The property contains a Gothic Revival, c. 1880 residential building. Due to its association with an early settler family of West Gwillimbury, it is known as the Brimson-Gummerson House. Its legal address is:
151 Church Street; Part of Lots 130 and 131, Plan 56

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Design/ Physical Value

The Brimson-Gummerson House has design and physical value as representative example of a Gothic Revival, c. 1880 property. The house was built around 1840 and has the following characteristics: one and a half storey three bay dwelling with a steep pitched dormer and a central gable. The home is of brick construction with dichromatic brickwork.

Historical/ Associative Value

The Brimson-Gummerson House has historic/associative value for its direct association with the William Brimson, Instrument Dealer and Robert Gummerson, Farmer. Both families associated with the property contributed to the growth and development of the Town.

Contextual Value

The Gummerson House has contextual value because it defines and supports and maintains the urban character of the community.

Description of Heritage Attributes

Key heritage attributes of the Gummerson House that exemplify its heritage value as a Gothic Revival, c. 1880 house as it relates to the property include:

- One and a half storey three bay 'cottage'
- Steep pitched dormer in central gable
- Dichromatic brickwork at stylised quoins , patterned belt course and surrounding windows
- Rectangualr window openings
- Rounded window opening in the central dormer