Statement of Cultural Heritage Value or Interest

Dr. George D. Morton House c. 1870

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 123 John Street West is located on the north side of John Street. The property contains a Eclectic Neoclassism, c.1880 residential building. Due to its association with an early settler family of West Gwillimbury, it is known as the Morton House and due to its associated with George D. Morton and due its connections with the Presbyterian Church, also known as Former Presbyterian Manse.
Its legal address is:
123 John Street West; Part of Lot 16 and 17, North Side of John Street, Plan 56

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Design/ Physical Value

The George D. Morton House has design and physical value as representative example of Neoclassism, c.1880 property. The house was built around 1880 and has the following characteristics: two storey all brick residential dwelling with a symmetric three bay façade.

Historical/ Associative Value

The George D. Morton House has historic/associative value for its direct association with the George D. Morton, Reeve and Physician. George Morton was an early family in the Bradford community. George Morton was both a physician and a Reeve which contributed to the growth and development of the Town.

Contextual Value

The George D. Morton House has contextual value because it defines and supports and maintains the historic identify of the Village of Bradford.

Description of Heritage Attributes

Key heritage attributes of the George D. Morton House that exemplify its heritage value as a Neoclassisc, c.1870 house as it relates to the property include:

- Two story rectangular house
- Symmetrical three bay façade
- Shallow pilasters with steeped brick and stylized basis
- Hipped roof with wide overhangs
- Dichromatic brickwork in the Flemish bond patter
- Large rectangular door and window openings