Statement of Cultural Heritage Value or Interest

Hamer- Manning House c. 1860

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 3940 County Road 88 is located on the North side of County Road 88. The property contains a Gothic Reival, c. 1860 two storey residential house. Due to its association with an early settler family of West Gwillimbury, it is known as the Hamer/Manning House.

Its legal address is: 3940 County Road 88; West Part of Lot 4, Concession 7

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Design/ Physical Value

The Hamer/Manning House has design and physical value as representative example of a Gothic Reival, c. 1860 property. The house was built around 1860 and has the following characteristics: two story with three bays, with a steeply pointed central gable and a side jerkinhead-style roof. The home is of brick construction with both red and yellow brick cladding.

Historical/ Associative Value

The Hamer/Manning House has historic/associative value for its direct association with the Thomas Hamer, Farmer and Samuel Manning, Hotel Keeper. The Hamer and Manning families were both an early settler families in the West Gwillimbury community. The family/individual were known farms and prominent business people, which contributed to the growth and development of the Town.

Contextual Value

The Hamer/Manning House has contextual value because it defines and supports and maintains the character of the agrarian routes of the community.

Description of Heritage Attributes

Key heritage attributes of the Hamer/Manning House that exemplify its heritage value as a Gothic Reival, c. 1860 house as it relates to the property include:

- Two Storey with three bays with steeply pointed central gable
- Side jerkinhead roof
- Red and yellow Brick Cladding
- Corner brick quoins
- Barge board at centre gable
- Label moulding around windows

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- Symmetrical facade
- Rectangular Windows and door Openings
- Low stone foundation