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NOTICE OF INTENT TO DESIGNATE UNDER THE ONTARIO HERITAGE ACT

Re: Notice of Intent to Designate 8785 Dufferin Street pursuant to Part IV, Section 29 of the *Ontario Heritage Act*.

INTENT TO DESIGNATE UNDER THE *ONTARIO HERITAGE ACT*

Please take notice that the Council of the Corporation of the City of Vaughan intends to designate for reasons of cultural heritage value or interest, pursuant to Part IV, Section 29 of the *Ontario Heritage Act* the property municipally known as **8785 Dufferin Street** in the City of Vaughan, in the Province of Ontario.

REASONS FOR PROPOSED DESIGNATION

The structure located at 8785 Dufferin Street is a one-storey frame church that was built in 1888. It is unique, and the last of its kind in Vaughan. Measuring approximately 36 feet by 60 feet, it was built in the plain style of the “meeting house.” The reasoning for the selection of the style, was for the church to be an embodiment of the congregation’s faith and values, which focuses on simplicity, piety, and spirituality.

This property was long associated with the Cober (Cover) family, who were German-Pennsylvanian, and who were one of the first families to settle in Vaughan. Nicholas Cober junior was the main carpenter, and he was assisted by neighbouring families including the Keffers, Bakers, Reamans, Wingers, and various others.

The church is a small structure, with the main entrance facing Dufferin Street. The front elevation has a single door at the centre, with stone slab steps leading to it. The north and south walls each contain three windows that are evenly spaced, and they have nine over six panes of glass. Located at back of the structure is a door that is off-centre. The cladding is shiplap siding sourced from the local first growth white pine in this area and was historically always painted white. A drive shed, also located on the property, is set back from the church: it is a rectangular shaped frame structure constructed with vertical plank siding – it is not painted.

A copy of this Notice of Intent to Designate may be found on the City of Vaughan’s Heritage Notice webpage: [Heritage Notices | City of Vaughan](#)

A full statement of the Cultural Heritage Value of this property may be obtained through linking to the original [Heritage Vaughan](#) report.

ANY PERSON MAY, within thirty (30) days of the first publication of this Notice, send by registered mail or deliver to the Clerk of the Corporation of the City of Vaughan, a notice of objection to the proposed designation together with a statement of the reasons for the objection and all relevant facts, on or before 4:30 p.m. **Wednesday, May 15, 2024** to be sent by registered mail or dropped off in person to:

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Objections can also be submitted via email at: clerks@vaughan.ca If a notice of objection is received, the Clerk will refer the matter to the City of Vaughan Council for reconsideration.

Dated at Vaughan this **16th day of April 2024**

Todd Coles, City Clerk