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## NOTICE OF INTENT TO DESIGNATE UNDER THE ONTARIO HERITAGE ACT

**Re: Notice of Intent to Designate 271 Valley Vista Drive 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 **271 Valley Vista Drive** in the City of Vaughan, in the Province of Ontario.

### REASONS FOR PROPOSED DESIGNATION

271 Valley Vista Drive, known as the Velie-Graham House, is a Regency Cottage style 1-storey stucco-clad structure originally built between 1824-1829, and with a south addition built circa 1950. The square footprint building is built on a dry-laid stone foundation. It has a central hall, with a framed single door with classical surround and sidelights facing to the north and south at the ends of a central hall, the visual connection between the north and south entrance doors is a feature of this building. On either side of these entrances are large windows, forming a central 3-bay form.

The subject property was owned and operated first by the Velie family between the turn of the 19<sup>th</sup> century until 1864, when the property was sold to the Graham family. During this period, the 100-acre farm produced agricultural goods as well as sawn wood products from the sawmill on site. Under the Graham family ownership (until 1936), wood products were eliminated, and the sawmill was removed; an orchard was temporarily planted, but the Graham family were better known for their livestock. The last ownership exchange occurred in 1936, then the farm changed name to Brook Farm, was amalgamated into the larger Don Head Farms, and later further absorbed into the Southbrook Farms and became the namesake for Southbrook Wineries, a VQA Ontario winery.

The house, barn and stone structure all relate to the property's evolution and relates to Vaughan's agricultural history. The trees and vistas from the house, particularly to the south over the passive parkland provide a glimpse into the pre-contact and historical land features and domestic gardening.

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](mailto: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 **16<sup>th</sup> day of April 2024**

**Todd Coles**, City Clerk