

NOTICE OF INTENT TO DESIGNATE UNDER THE ONTARIO HERITAGE ACT

Re: Notice of Intent to Designate 91 Thornhill Woods pursuant to Part IV, Section 29 of the *Ontario Heritage Act*.

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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 **91 Thornhill Woods** in the City of Vaughan, in the Province of Ontario.

REASONS FOR PROPOSED DESIGNATION

The two structures located at 91 Thornhill Woods Drive are representative of the Georgian architectural style. The Johnathan Baker House (Baker House) is a 2-storey former residence, that was built using red brick. The structure has symmetrical elements and is simplistic in design. The front elevation has a verandah, with simple posts, that spans the width of the façade. There are also two front entrance doorways, with a window on either side.

The Baker Cottage was built using the plank-on-plank construction, which is considered a unique building method. The arrangement of the façade is balanced with a centrally placed front doorway, and a window on either side. The front of the structure also has a verandah with simple posts.

The Johnathan Baker House, and the Baker Cottage are situated on the lot that was historically owned by the Baker family. The lot was purchased by Johnathan Baker Senior in 1816, and he worked hard to clear and develop the land. The Baker farm would continue to remain in the family for many years, with each Baker owner making additions to the property for their familial and farming operational needs. These elements allow for an understanding of the community and way of life during the time the structures were built.

The Baker family were well known for their maple syrup production. Locals and the wider public would purchase maple products including maple syrup and maple sugar. The Bakers would also host school trips where they would demonstrate how the trees were tapped and share their knowledge of maple syrup production. The visitors were not limited to locals, but also international visitors, which included nurses, and professors.

After being part of the Baker family for over 180 years, the farm was sold in 1997. The Johnathan Baker House, and the Baker Cottage were sold to the City of Vaughan in 2001, and they were later moved to their current location at 91 Thornhill Woods Drive. The structures are placed near the entrance to the Sugar Baker Bush woodlot trail.

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. **Friday October 18, 2024** to be sent by registered mail or dropped off in person to:

Office of the City Clerk, City of Vaughan
2141 Major Mackenzie Drive West
Vaughan, ON L6A 1T1

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 **18th day of September, 2024**

Todd Coles, City Clerk