

NOTICE OF INTENT TO DESIGNATE UNDER THE ONTARIO HERITAGE ACT

Re: Notice of Intent to Designate 8733 Keele Street 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 **8733 Keele Street** in the City of Vaughan, in the Province of Ontario.

REASONS FOR PROPOSED DESIGNATION

Constructed in 1887, 8733 Keele Street, is situated on the lot that was historically owned by the Keffer family, who were also contributors to the founding of the Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church. The former parsonage is associated with the neighbouring Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church, as it served as the home for the pastor. The parsonage was also the location where many of the church events were hosted. The former parsonage allows for the understanding for the system that was in place to support the pastor associated with church through the provision of accommodation. It also contributes to the understanding of the role of the church in creating a sense of community.

The structure located at 8733 Keele Street is a an example of the Victorian architectural style with Gothic Revival elements, which can be seen through the incorporation of bay windows, decorative vergeboard, and the stylized verandah. The inclusion of iron cresting is also a characteristic of Victorian architecture. The former parsonage displays a good level of craftsmanship through the utilization of dichromatic brickwork, eyebrow lintels, and ornamented columns on the porch.

8733 Keele Street is historically linked to its setting and is a longstanding feature in the area. The former parsonage previously functioned as a living space for the pastor of the Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church and was also where the church would host most of their events. Although the surrounding area has become industrial over the years, the property is a representation of the lands once owned by the Keffer family. The Keffer's contribution of land for the purposes of the church and church related buildings helped to shape the religious and social fabric of the area, and also created a sense of community throughout the years. It is here that the merit of the structure lies, just as much as the architectural value.

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