

# NOTICE OF INTENTION TO DESIGNATE AS A HERITAGE PROPERTY

**Take notice that the Council of The Corporation of the Town of Whitby intends to designate the property described below, as a property of cultural heritage value or interest under Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act, R.S.O. 1990.**

**Mayfield House (aka John Thomson House)**  
Generally located at the northwest corner of Garden Street and Manning Road, on a portion of the property currently municipally known as 780 Garden Street, Town of Whitby, Ontario

Refer to attached General Location Sketch.

## **Reason for Designation**

Council has authorized staff to proceed with designating the property under Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act. The property meets two or more of the criteria for determining that it is of cultural heritage value or interest under Ontario Regulation 9/06.

## **Statement of Cultural Heritage Value and Interest**

The Mayfield House located at 780 Garden Street has design or physical value because it is rare, unique and representative of the Georgian architectural style in the Whitby community. It was constructed entirely of Kingston limestone with a high degree of craftsmanship and artistic merit in detailed elements seen in many components of the dwelling.

The property has historical or associative value as it reflects the construction method, which is associated with an early Scottish settler in the Town of Whitby, specifically built for John Thomson, and its style is a demonstration of Scottish settler traditions. Thomson and his family are some of the earliest immigrants from Scotland to Durham County and are an important part of the cultural heritage of Whitby. The Mayfield House also has an important recent association with Christine Elliott and Jim Flaherty as important political leaders in this community.

The Mayfield House has contextual value because it contributes to the character and identity of the Town of Whitby. Being one of the finest built dwellings of the early stages in Whitby, its unique limestone construction makes Mayfield a local landmark, which is visible from both adjacent major streets.

## **Description of Heritage Attributes**

Key attributes related to the Mayfield House and its style as a Georgian farmhouse constructed in 1845 include:

- Rectangular plan
- Simple massing with side gable roof and paired stone chimneys
- Symmetrical composition of the 3-bay principal elevation (south elevation)
- Wooden fascia, soffit, projected eaves & eave returns, and related mouldings
- Use of rectangular window and door openings throughout
- Wooden 8-over 8 sashes, double hung windows and flat stone arch lintels above
- The attic quarter fanlight wood windows and stone arch lintels above
- 12 over-8 sashes wood window at stair hall
- Principal entrance comprises enclosed panel recessed, exterior panel door with transoms, exterior woodwork including modified Doric pilasters with a dentilated entablature
- Kingston limestone masonry, including:
  - Rock-faced stone surface
  - Finely laid coursed ashlar with tight joints
  - Window/ door flat and arched stone lintels with the voussoirs and keystones

Further information regarding the proposed heritage designation of the Mayfield House can be obtained by contacting the Heritage Division of the Town of Whitby Planning and Development Department during regular business hours between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. from Monday to Friday, 905.430.4306, [heritage@whitby.ca](mailto:heritage@whitby.ca)

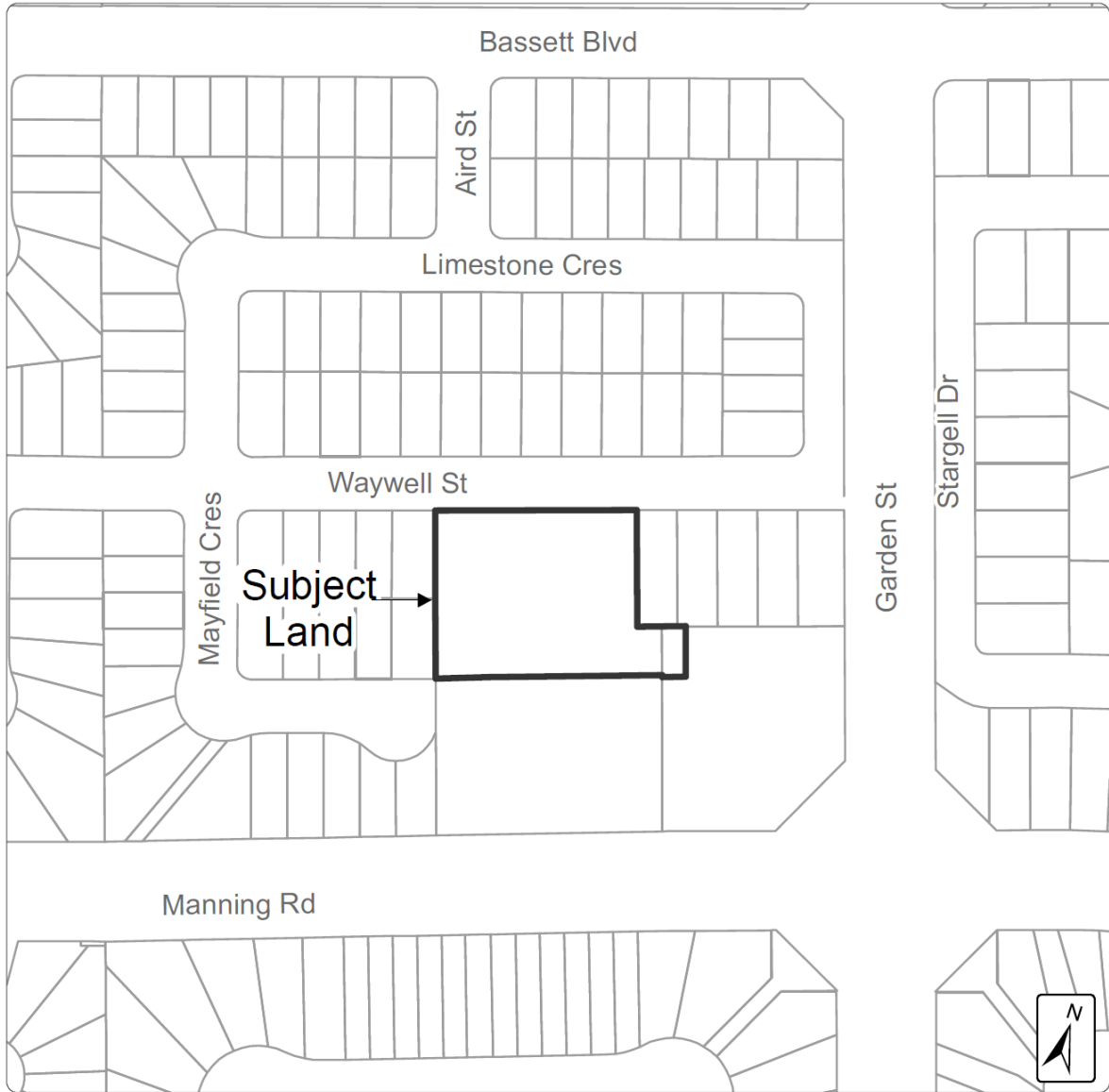
## **Objection**


A person who objects to the proposed designation shall, within thirty (30) days after the date of publication of the Notice of the Intention to Designate, serve on the Clerk of the Town of Whitby, a notice of objection setting out the reason(s) for the objection and all relevant facts per Section 29 (5) of the Ontario Heritage Act. Such objection shall be received no later than 4:00 p.m. on January 03, 2024. If such notice of objection is received, the matter will be referred to Council for consideration.

Dated at the Town of Whitby this 4th day of December 2023.

**Christopher Harris | Town Clerk | Town of Whitby**  
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## General Location Sketch: Mayfield House Subject Land



 **Town of Whitby Planning and Development Department**

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**Mayfield House**

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**N/A**

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