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September 21, 2011

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Ontario Heritage Trust
10 Adelaide Street East
TORONTO ON M5C 1J3

**Re: Notice of Intent to Designate
6974 St. Phillippes Line, Community of Dover
Municipality of Chatham-Kent**

At the Council Meeting held September 12, 2011, Chatham-Kent Council approved the Municipal Heritage Committee's recommendation for the Intent to Designate the property, located at 6974 St. Phillippes Line, in the Community of Dover, under Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act for its cultural heritage value and interest.

The Notice of Intent to Designate was advertised in Chatham-Kent Matters on Wednesday, September 21, 2011, with the last day for filing a Notice of Objection being Thursday, October 20, 2011, (copy attached).

If no appeals have been received, a By-law to designate the property will be prepared for Council's consideration.

Sincerely,

Ryan Jacques
Acting Development Planner

c Municipal Heritage Committee

Attachment(s)

Canadian Register of Historic Places Nomination
6974 St. Philippes Line, Municipality of Chatham-Kent

*any field that appears in grey is mandatory

Identification

Historic Place Name	6974 St. Philippes Line		
Other Names	#	Type:	Name:
	1	Other	n/a

Recognition

Authority:	Local Government (ON)
Recognition Type:	Municipal Heritage Designation Part IV
Recognition Date:	yyyy-mm-dd (To be added after passed by council)

Location

Location

Building Number:	6974
Street Name:	St. Philippes Line
Postal Code:	N0P 1S0
Locality:	Dover
Community:	Municipality of Chatham-Kent
Upper Tier:	n/a

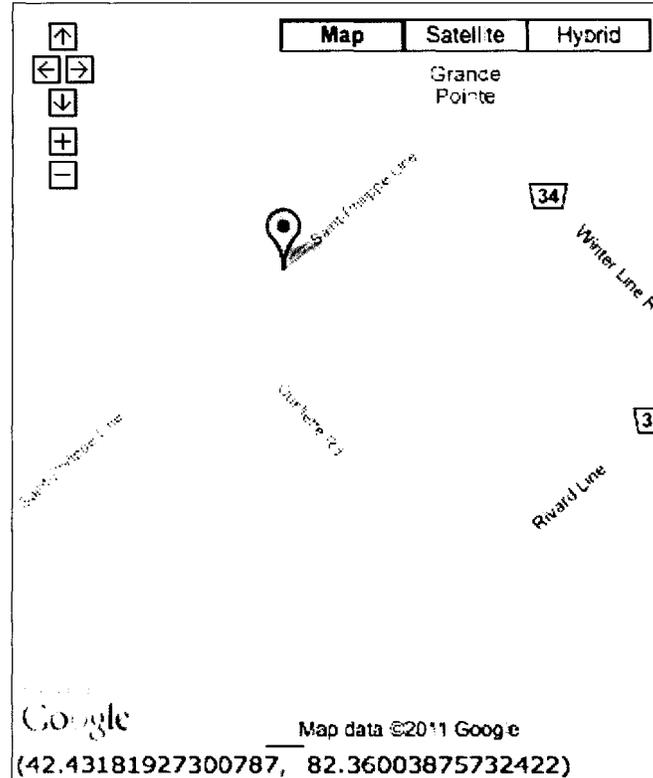
Coordinates

UTM		Latitude/Longitude	
Determination:	n/a	Determination:	Geocoding
Datum:	n/a	Datum:	NAD83
Zone:	n/a	Latitude:	42.435411
Northing:	n/a	Longitude:	-82.362739
Easting:	n/a		
Borden #:	n/a	Borden #:	n/a

Boundaries

Boundary Description:	Concession 8, Part of Lot 11, Township of Dover.
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Map



Description

Statement of Significance

<p>Description of Historic Place: i.e. Description of Property</p>	<p>The log house at 6974 St. Philippes Line is located on the south side of St. Philippes Line between Winter Line Road and Ouellette Road in the Township of Dover, Municipality of Chatham-Kent. The one-storey log cabin was constructed in the 1860s.</p>
<p>Heritage Value: i.e. Statement of Cultural Heritage Value or Interest</p>	<p><i>Historical or Associative Value:</i></p> <p>The log house at 6974 St. Philippes Line is associated with the historic settlement of French immigrants in Kent County. Franco-Ontarian identity in this region is the result of the first of three historic waves of immigration that occurred during the 18th-century and came mainly from France and later from Quebec. These immigrants settled throughout south-western Ontario, many building log houses like the one at 6974 St. Philippes Line. Few small log homes have been discovered in the French communities of Chatham-Kent as intact as this one. All are of very similar plan and appearance and are important pieces of what remains of this community's early francophone culture.</p> <p>The origin of the home has been traced back to Pierre Beaudin in the late 1800s and the Sylvains and Lozons in the 1900s, all early families who immigrated to the Township of Dover from Quebec. The structure has maintained its lineage of French ownership from its construction in the 1860s until the present day. It is believed that the log house was originally sited on the bank of a small creek that runs through the rear of the property, but was at some point moved up the lot, closer to the road. It was in this location that the structure was buried beneath years of additions.</p> <p>The location of the log house on St. Philippes Line is in close proximity to the original site of the local French Catholic church in St. Philippes Parish. This structure burnt down many years ago, but the associated cemetery remains. The Catholic church was later relocated to a more central location as road access improved, however the location of the log house in what now appears to be a very rural area, outside of the early French settlement of Grande Pointe, is indicative of a settlement that was more populated at the turn of the century.</p> <p><i>Design or Physical Value:</i></p> <p>The log house at 6974 St. Philippes Line is a rare example of an early, intact, largely unaltered log house. The francophone design is discernable from log homes constructed by the British given their unique fenestration, as well as the obvious character and history of the area. Like most of the earliest homes that were built of logs, the structure is of crude construction as expediency, haste and the need for temporary shelter would have precipitated its erection. It is composed of one room, with an attic, a central door on the front and rear, both of which are flanked by two windows (one window on the rear elevation has been altered to allow for a second door) and a later poured concrete foundation that is roughly two inches deep.</p> <p>Until the railways were laid, little millwork from outside the area was used, and the houses built in this earlier period were largely the product of local craftsmen and materials. It is likely that the Ash logs used in the construction were harvested onsite as the landscape would have been heavily forested at that time.</p> <p><i>Contextual Value:</i></p> <p>The log house at 6974 St. Philippes Line is located in the historic rural French</p>

	<p>parish of St. Philippes and is representative of the Quebecois practice of log home construction common at the time the area was being settled. Joined by Pain Couré and Grande Pointe, this is an area of Chatham-Kent made unique by its large population of francophones, many of which can trace their lineage back as many as a dozen generations to the original French settlers arriving in Canada from France.</p> <p><i>Sources:</i> <i>Early Buildings of Kent County</i>, C.M. Anderson. French Language Services Act "Historical Gem Uncovered in Grande Pointe." Media Release, 2010. Municipality of Chatham-Kent Land Registry Records <i>Well-Preserved</i>, 1992.</p>
<p>Character-Defining Elements: i.e. Description of Heritage Attributes</p>	<p><i>Exterior character defining elements that contribute to the value of the log house at 6974 St. Philippes Line include its:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - one-storey Ash log construction - gable roof - horizontal logs - dove tailed corners - chinking - central door on the façade flanked by windows - rear elevation has a central door flanked by one window and another door - two-inch deep poured concrete foundation <p><i>Characteristics that contribute to the contextual value of the log house at 6974 St. Philippes Line include its:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - close proximity to the historic Catholic cemetery in St. Philippes Parish - location on a large rural property with creek access

Contributing Resources		Type:	Count:	
		Building	1	
Area (m²)	2170			
Dates of Significance	#	Type:	From:	To:
	1	Construction (circa)	1860	1869
BA	#	Type:	Name:	
	1	Architect	n/a	
	2	Builder	n/a	

Function Category and Type

Category and Type	#	Function:	Category:	Type:
	1	Historic	Residence	Single Dwelling
	2	Current	Residence	Outbuilding

Theme

Theme Category Type	#	Category:	Type:
	1	Peopling The Land	Settlement

Images

	Image 1:	Image 2:	Image 3:
File Path:	n/a	n/a	n/a
Image Type:	Contemporary Photograph	Contemporary Photograph	Contemporary Photograph
Caption:	Façade of the Log House at 6974 St. Philippes Line	Rear Elevation of the Log Cabin at 6974 St. Philippes Line	Detailed View of the Log Cabin at 6974 St. Philippes Line
Description:	Featured is the one-storey Ash log construction, 2010.	Detailed view of the rear central door flanked by one window and another door, 2010.	Featured are the horizontal logs and chinking with dove tailed corners, 2010.
Copyright:	Dave Benson, 2010.	Dave Benson, 2010.	Dave Benson, 2010.
Miscellaneous Info:	n/a	n/a	n/a



Image 1



Image 2

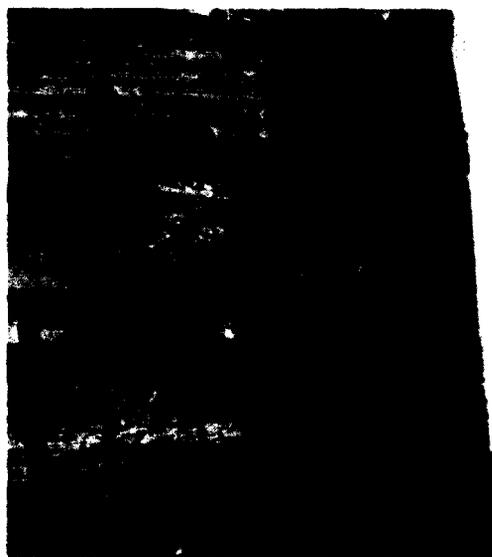


Image 3

Resources

Location of Documents:	Chatham Cultural Centre 75 William Street North Chatham Ontario N7M 4L4		
Collections:	n/a		
Related Link	URL:	Type:	Description:
	http://www.chatham-kent.ca	Local Government Website	Municipality of Chatham-Kent

Management

Ownership Type:	Private (Individual)
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Monday, September 26, 2011

Historical Cabin Uncovered In Grande Pointe

Written by Editorial on Nov 16th, 2010

Wayne and Patricia Louagie knew that, buried under years of additions, there was an early log section of their home. After building a new house to the southwest of the original, Wayne began the task of tearing down their old house, as required when he received his building permit. Slowly, as additions were removed, the outline of the original and surprisingly intact log home began to appear.

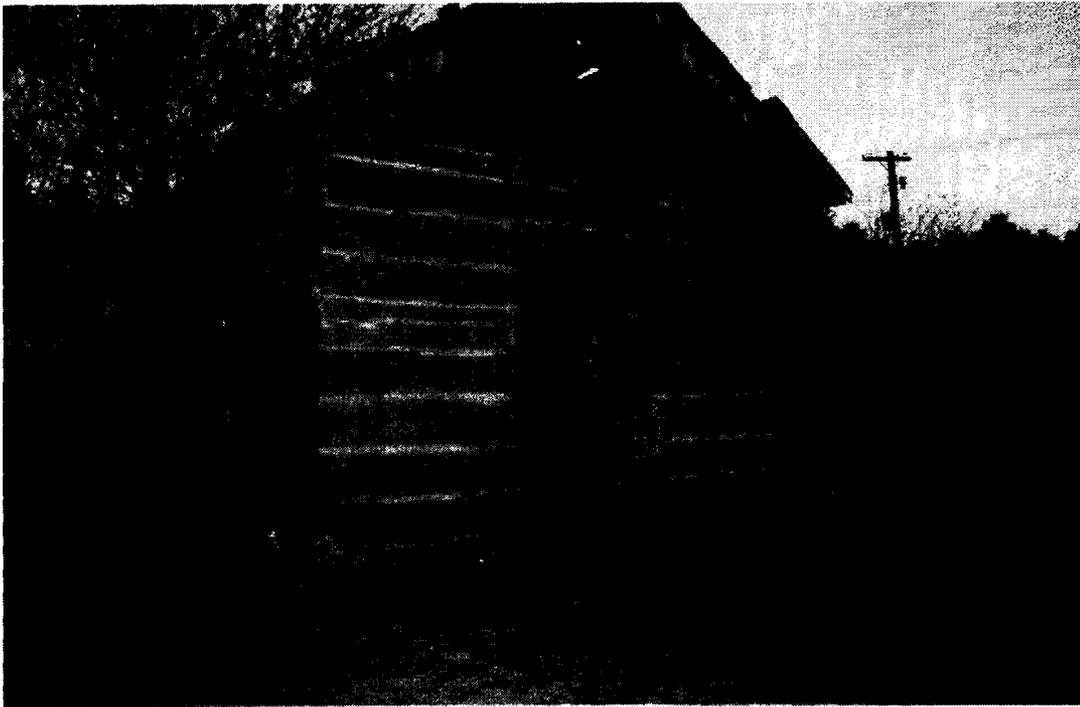
Part of the way through the process, Wayne and Patricia contacted Heritage Chatham-Kent to see if the house could be salvaged and moved to another site. Moving the structure was going to be costly and would reduce its heritage value. A specialist in log home restoration was brought down from Hanover, Ontario to see if the house could be disassembled and restored on another site but felt that it was too small to be marketable. As more of the siding came off and the log house became clearly visible, Wayne and Patricia felt strongly that they would like to keep the house. Happily, with the cooperation of the local building inspector, they were given permission to keep it as a non-residential outbuilding. "This is a great outcome – the best possible since the house will remain in context on its original site in Grande Pointe," says Dave Benson, Municipal Heritage Coordinator. "It looks a bit rough but is actually surprisingly intact and everything is there. Usually, over the years they become really cut up with new windows, doors, and additions."

A few of these little log homes have been discovered in the French communities of Chatham-Kent. All are of very similar plan and appearance and are probably the most important remaining pieces of this community's early francophone culture. Wayne and Patricia have traced the origin of this home back to Pierre Beaudin in the late 1800s and the Sylvains and Lozons in the 1900s, all early families who immigrated to Dover Township from Quebec.

The log house is presently being secured for winter and work will continue in the new year.



Before



After