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IN THE MATTER OF THE ONTARIO HERITAGE ACT,
R.S.O. 1990, CHAPTER 0.18
AND IN THE MATTER OF THE PROPERTY KNOWN AS

ONTARIO HERITAGE TRUST

Hart Farmhouse

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IN THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO.

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NOTICE OF INTENTION TO DESIGNATE

TO: Ontario Heritage Trust
The Ontario Heritage Centre
10 Adelaide St. East
Toronto, ON M5C 1J3

Take notice that the Council of the Corporation of the City of Guelph intends to designate the Hart farmhouse in its associated lot within the Approved Draft Plan of Subdivision for Hart Village as a property of cultural heritage value or interest under Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act, R.S.O. 1990, Chapter 0.18.

Description of the property:

The Hart farmhouse is located within what is currently known as Lot 58 in the Draft Approved Plan of Subdivision for Hart Village. The legal description of the subject property has historically been Part Lot 4, Concession 7.

Statement of Cultural Heritage Value or Interest

The subject property is worthy of designation under Part IV of the *Ontario Heritage Act* as it meets three of the prescribed criteria for determining cultural heritage value or interest, according to Ontario Regulation 9/06 made under the Ontario Heritage Act. The heritage attributes of the Hart farmhouse display: design or physical, historical or associative and contextual value.

Design/Physical Value

The Hart farmhouse was built c. 1850 using a Neoclassical vernacular style. It is one of the oldest houses in both Puslinch Township and Guelph, and it is one of the few remaining log homes in the area. The existing house has a 2-storey squared, chinked log substructure with eave returns as well as a 1-storey, log summer kitchen and a later garage. The farmhouse form has a side gable roof, a 5-bay lower storey, and 3-bay upper storey. There is a basement located underneath the main section of the house. The house is currently clad in aluminum siding, and there is evidence of original wood clapboard siding underneath which may be salvageable. The house has two brick chimneys, a westerly chimney in its original location and a more modern chimney on the eastern side.

Historical/Associative Value

The Hart farmhouse has historic and associative value because of its direct ties to an important founding family of the community. The Hart farm is one of the earliest properties in Puslinch Township and Guelph, having been settled in 1828 by 50-year old Michael Hart, his 36-year old wife Barbary Hart, and their 5-year old son Michael. The family came from Flanders, France. The significant historical association of the property is that the family owned and operated the farm for five generations. Historically, the Harts were important members of the community and Michael Hart was one of the school trustees in 1886 that was responsible for the Brock Road School, located southwest of the Hart farm. The Harts were also members of what is now the Basilica of Our Lady parish and supporters of St. Joseph's Hospital in Guelph.

Contextual Value

The Hart farmhouse has contextual value because it is physically, visually and historically linked to its surroundings. The Hart farmhouse sits in its original location and serves as a lasting reference to the Hart farmstead and as a link to the early farming landscape of Puslinch Township, and what is now Guelph. The existing Harts Lane West is of contextual importance as a historic road allowance. It provides a link to the old Brock Road and Brock Road School, founded in part by Michael Hart while he was a school trustee. The landscape surrounding the house, although not of the same time period, is likely similar to that which was planted in the mid-nineteenth century and provides context for the house. Important landscape features include two large, mature bur oak trees on the property which are being retained in the proposed subdivision.

Description of Heritage Attributes

The following are to be considered as the heritage attributes of the Hart farmhouse:

- 2-storey, side gable roof form of the building with an attached 1-storey, side gable kitchen wing;
- Original log construction and heavy timber substructure;
- Salvageable, original wood clapboard cladding;
- Location and form of original window and door openings;
- Transom window over front door;
- Original exterior and interior wood doors and related hardware

It is intended that non-original features may be returned to documented earlier designs or to their documented original without requiring Council to amend the designation by-law.

A more detailed description of the property's cultural heritage value may be found in staff's report to Council Committee of the Whole (IDE-2018-101) dated July 9, 2018 and at [**guelph.ca/heritage**](http://guelph.ca/heritage).

For more information
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Any person may, before 4:00 p.m. on the 13 day of August, 2018, send by registered mail or deliver to the Clerk of the City of Guelph, a notice of objection to this proposed designation, setting out the reason for the objection and all relevant facts. If a notice of objection is received, the Council of the City of Guelph shall refer the matter to the Conservation Review Board for a hearing.

Stephen O'Brien
City Clerk
City of Guelph
1 Carden Street, Guelph ON N1H 3A1

July 12, 2018