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## THE TOWNSHIP OF PUSLINCH NOTICE OF INTENTION TO DESIGNATE 82 QUEEN STREET, MORRISTON

**TAKE NOTICE** that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Puslinch intends to designate 82 Queen Street, Morriston, as a property of cultural heritage value or interest under section 29, Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act, R.S.O. 1990, Chapter O.18.

### Description of the Property

The subject property is described as being Concession 7 Rear Part Lot 32, municipally addressed as 82 Queen Street, Morriston.



(Key Map Showing Location of 82 Queen Street, Morriston)

### Short Statement of Cultural Heritage Value or Interest

The property at 82 Queen Street, Morriston, has cultural heritage value due to its direct association with the one of the three founding families of the community of Morriston. The property forms part of a unique collection of four adjacent Morlock family houses built between 1854 and 1910 on the original John Christian Morlock Lot 32, Rear Lot, Concession 7. As a collection these residences demonstrate evolving local architectural styles and building construction associated with this founding family. In addition the property is directly associated with the religious history of the Township, having served



as the manse for the Duff's Presbyterian Church from 1919 to 1983. The property meets the requirements for designation prescribed by the Province of Ontario under the three categories of design/physical value, historical/associative value, and contextual value.

#### *Design Value*

The property is an excellent example of a two and one half-storey residence built in the late Queen Anne/Edwardian style. Exterior elements of this style include a high pitched roof, ornate gable trim, decorative brickwork, stained glass windows, front door to the side of the facade, and double hung front porch with wood columns and balusters.

#### *Historical/Associative Value*

This property is one of four adjacent Morlock family homes built between 1854 and 1910 on the lot settled by the John Christian Morlock family in 1830; one of three founding families of what is now the village of Morriston. The residence has the most detailed construction information of any presently (2022) listed property on the Municipal Register of Heritage Properties in Puslinch Township.

In the winter of 1909-10 David Morlock had a 2-storey house built on the front of the Morlock farm of wire-cut yellow brick produced in Elmira, Ontario. His father John Christian Morlock Jr., now retired and living in the new brick house north of this site, sold David the lot. Simon Morlock and his brother Will were living in the stone farmhouse at this time. Simon Morlock wrote a history of the village of Morriston.

David's brother Peter Morlock was the contractor for the yellow-brick house. Their brother, Ethelbert, dug out the cellar, mixed mortar and aided in the construction. Frank Kistenmacher of Morriston did the lathing, Oliver Gingrich's team from Hespeler did the carpentry work, and Louie Gregor dug and laid pipes to the water storage tank at the main house on the farm. There was no well on David's property at first. The house was shingled with British Columbia cedar shakes. It has a two-tiered front porch, popular in the late 1890s and early 1900s, and a full attic. The upper third of the windows were finished in the arts-and-crafts style of the period with stained glass. Two diamond windows in stained glass are featured on the porches. The brick layers added soldier lintels in brick over each window, outlining these and the diamond windows with rough-cast bricks.

David and his family moved to Hamilton in 1916 and rented the house to his sister and brother-in-law. In 1919 the latter purchased the house and turned around and sold it to the Duff's congregation within just days. The Rev. Stuart Woods and his wife Desta moved here with their two children. The house remained Duff's Manse until the end of the 20<sup>th</sup> Century when the practice of providing accommodation for the minister was changed.

#### *Contextual Value*

82 Queen Street forms part of a streetscape of four adjacent Morlock family homes built between 1851 and 1910 built on the original lot settled by John Christian Morlock. This extant built heritage family streetscape is unique to the Township. It is positioned between

Lots 31 and 33 of the other two founding families. The intact Paul Winer family homestead is to the south on Lot 33 and the remains of the Johannes Calfas family homestead are to the north on Lot 31.

### **Description of Heritage Attributes**

The following are to be considered as heritage attributes to be protected by a heritage designation by-law for 82 Queen Street:

David Morlock House:

- Height, scale and massing of the original two and one half-storey structure circa 1909-1910.
- All original doors and windows, including stained glass windows.
- Original stone foundation
- Exterior wire-cut yellow brick walls

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

### **Notice of Objection**

Any person may send a notice of objection to this proposed designation, before 4 p.m. on December 5, 2022. This notice must be sent by registered mail or delivered to the Clerk of the Township of Puslinch, and must set out the reason for the objection and all relevant facts. If a notice of objection is received, the Council of the Township of Puslinch shall consider the objection and make a decision whether or not to withdraw the notice of intention to designate the property within 90 days after the end of the 30-day objection period. If Council decides not to withdraw its intention to designate, a heritage designation bylaw must be passed within 120 days after the date of publication of the notice of intention to designate. Council must publish a notice of passing of the designation bylaw which is followed by a 30-day appeal period when appeals of the bylaw may be given to the Ontario Land Tribunal for a hearing and decision.

Dated November 3, 2022

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CC: Property Owner  
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