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*The TOWNSHIP of*  
**NORTH DUMFRIES**

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December 23, 2002

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**RE: Notice of Designating By-law**

In accordance with s. 29(6) of the *Ontario Heritage Act*, please consider this letter formal notice that at the Council meeting held on December 14, 2020 the Township of North Dumfries Council adopted By-law 3212-20, Being a By-law to Designate the "Coach House" (5 Gore Court) under Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act as a Property of cultural heritage value or interests.

The cultural heritage value or interest of the property and a description of the heritage attributes of the property is included as Schedule A to By-law No. 3212-20.

A copy of By-law 3212-20 is enclosed.

Sincerely,

Ashley Sage  
Clerk  
Township of North Dumfries

cc. Susan McDonald, Owner, [smcdcurl@me.com](mailto:smcdcurl@me.com)

**THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF NORTH DUMFRIES  
BY-LAW NUMBER 3212-20**

**BEING A BY-LAW TO DESIGNATE THE "GORE COACH HOUSE"  
LOCATED AT 5 GORE ESTATE COURT FOR ITS CULTURAL HERITAGE  
VALUE OR INTEREST AND THE DESCRIPTION OF HERITAGE ATTRIBUTES**

**WHEREAS** Section 29 of the *Ontario Heritage Act, R.S.O., 1990, C.O. 18*, as amended, authorizes the Council of a municipality to designate property within the municipality to be of cultural heritage value or interest and a description of the heritage attributes;

**AND WHEREAS** the Council of The Corporation of the Township of North Dumfries deems it desirable to designate the "Gore Coach House", located at 5 Gore Estate Court, Ayr, in the Township of North Dumfries to be of cultural heritage value or interest and a description of the heritage attributes;

**AND WHEREAS** the requirement for Council to consult with its Municipal Heritage committee pursuant to the *Ontario Heritage Act*, as amended, has been fulfilled;

**AND WHEREAS** the Clerk of The Corporation of the Township of North Dumfries has caused Notice of Intention to Designate to be given in accordance with the *Ontario Heritage Act*;

**AND WHEREAS** no Notice of Objection has been served on the Clerk within the meaning of the *Ontario Heritage Act*;

**NOW THEREFORE THE COUNCIL OF THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF NORTH DUMFRIES ENACTS AS FOLLOWS:**

1. **THAT** the property located at 5 Gore Estate Court and legally described as Plan 58M-662, Lot 15, North Dumfries is hereby designated to be of cultural heritage value or interest, more particularly described in Schedule "A" attached hereto;
2. **THAT** Schedule "A" attached hereto shall form part of By-law 3212-20;
3. **THAT** Section 33 of the *Ontario Heritage Act, R.S.O., 1990, C.O. 18*, as amended, shall only apply to the exterior elevations of the house;
4. **THAT** Township Solicitor is hereby authorized to cause a copy of this By-law to be registered against the property with a civic address of 5 Gore Estate Court, North Dumfries, in accordance with the provisions of the *Ontario Heritage Act*, as amended;
5. **THAT** the Clerk is hereby authorized to provide Notice of Passing of this By-law in accordance with the provisions of the *Ontario Heritage Act*, as amended.

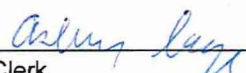
**READ A FIRST AND SECOND TIME THIS 14<sup>th</sup> DAY OF DECEMBER, 2020**

  
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Mayor

  
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Clerk

**READ A THIRD TIME AND FINALLY PASSED THIS 14<sup>th</sup> DAY OF DECEMBER, 2020**

  
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Mayor

  
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Clerk

**SCHEDULE "A"**  
**to By-law No. 3212-20**

**STATEMENT OF CULTURAL HERITAGE VALUE OR INTEREST**

**The Gore Coach House**

5 Gore Estate Court, Ayr, Township of North Dumfries  
Plan 58M-662, Lot 15  
Part of Lots 1 and 2, Municipal Compiled Plan 680 and  
Part Lot 36, Concession 8

**Description**

The property located at 5 Gore Estate Court, Ayr, Township of North Dumfries, is a residential property which contains a building known as the Gore Coach House. The Coach House is a circa 1884 buff brick building, originally constructed on a 2.83 ha (7 acre) estate property on the west side of Northumberland Street in the former Village of Ayr, as the coach house / stable for David Goldie, who operated the Greenfield Flouring Mills in neighbouring Greenfield.

**Statement of Cultural Heritage Value**

The property known as 5 Gore Estate Court has cultural heritage value for its physical design values and historical associative values.

The one-and-a-half storey, L-shaped, gable-roofed building is a representative example of the Ontario Gothic style of architecture, perhaps the most pervasive Ontario residential style prior to 1950. Its relatively simple form and massing were made more elaborate with the addition of applied architectural features such as bargeboarding in the gables and a cupola on the roof where the gables meet, both features have been removed.

The Coach House has historical associative value because of its direct historical association to the Goldie Family. The Goldie Family were prominent citizens in the municipality and in the Province in the latter part of the 19<sup>th</sup> and the early 20<sup>th</sup> centuries. James, John Jr. and David Goldie all established successful businesses that had a major impact on the region. John Jr. (1822 – 1896) settled in Galt where he purchased the Dumfries Foundry and established Goldie & McCulloch in 1849. James Goldie, after working as a gardener in the United States, settled in Guelph where he purchased a flour mill that he rebuilt and named Goldie Mill. David Goldie (1832 - 1894), remained in Greenfield and oversaw the expansion of the Greenfield Flouring Mills and with profits from that mill, he constructed a large 21 room mansion in 1884 that he called "the Gore". His aging father, John Goldie, a well respected botanist and plant collector from Ayrshire, Scotland moved in with David's family and oversaw planting of the gardens which were located on the broader estate of which this property is a part.

The property also demonstrates the work of an architect who is significant to the community. The former mansion (now removed) and Coach House were designed by architect William Mellish (1807 – 1895). He was born in London, England and emigrated to Canada in 1841. He worked in Toronto for two years before moving to Brantford to begin a contracting business. By 1851 his firm was advertising itself as builders, carpenters and contractors. The ability to prepare plans and to undertake construction of major buildings was influential in Mellish's selection in May 1852 to design and build the Waterloo County Court House in Berlin (now known as Kitchener).

The property also has contextual values as it is historically linked to the broader Goldie estate lands which has now been subdivided.

## **Heritage Attributes**

The exterior heritage attributes of the Coach House are:

- i) the scale and regular massing of the one-and-one-half storey building;
- ii) the buff brick exterior;
- iii) the L-shaped outline and gable roof pitches;
- iv) the segmentally arched window openings with brick voussoirs; and,
- v) the original door opening on the south elevation.