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Notice of Intention to Designate as a Heritage Property Plan 57 Lot 25, Percy Street, Castleton, ON

Castleton Town Hall

Take Notice that Cramahe Township Council, on February 11, 2014, resolved to issue a Notice of Intention to Designate, Plan 57 Lot 25, municipally known as Castleton Town Hall, Castleton, ON, K0K 1M0, under section 29 of the Ontario Heritage Act R.S.O. 1990, c. 18, as a property of cultural heritage value and interest.

Records from 1988 state that Castleton Town Hall was designated as a heritage building and a plaque was installed, but no by-law has been found that recognizes the designation. Therefore, this designation is meant to assign a by-law number to Castleton Town Hall, for the existing heritage designation given in 1988.

The property known as Castleton Town Hall, Castleton, ON meets numerous criteria required for designation under Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act. The site is culturally significant both because of design and physical attributes and historical and associative values. Castleton Town Hall was initially built in the Classical Revival style, noted for its classical roots in Greek and Roman architecture. The building is symmetrical, centered on the entrance, which features double doors topped with a half-round transom window. The entrance is built out with brick pilasters and a gabled roof on top. The north and south sides of the building are divided into five bays by brick pilasters the three center bays have half-round topped windows with arched brick surrounds. The foundations are cut granite fieldstone extending roughly 3' above the ground. It is reputed that Castleton Town Hall was built in 1893 and designed by a contractor or architect named Crowe.

In 1972 a there was a fire which caused extensive damage to the building, and many renovations occurred at this time. In 1988 the slate roof was replaced. A recent set of renovations has been conducted to restore the building and address several deficiencies identified in a 2006 Study (*Castleton Town Hall Study: The future of this Heritage Building, June 2006* - available at the municipal office).

Any objection to this designation must be filed no later than <u>March 29th 2014</u>. Objections and/or requests for further information should be directed to:

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