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## THE TOWNSHIP OF PUSLINCH NOTICE OF INTENTION TO DESIGNATE 69 Queen St, Puslinch

**TAKE NOTICE** that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Puslinch intends to designate at 69 Queen St, 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. as authorized by Township of Puslinch Council through Resolution No. 2024-336.

### **Description of the Property**

The subject property is described as being Plan 135 Lot 5, municipally known as at 69 Queen St, Puslinch.



(Key Map Showing Location of 69 Queen St, Puslinch)

### **Short Statement of Cultural Heritage Value or Interest**

The property located at 69 Queen Street, Morriston, 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.

The property at 69 Queen Street Morriston includes a blacksmith shop built c.1866 to replace a previous shop on the same site that was destroyed by fire in 1865. The property retains cultural heritage value in its stone architecture which is a function of the building's purpose for blacksmithing, a historical craft industry that is now redundant. The property stands as one of the last extant purpose-built industrial buildings from the 19th century in

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Morrison and is contextually connected to the Queen Street streetscape and other properties in the Village.

**Design Value:**

The property's single storey, low pitched, front-gabled roof and deep rectangular form reflect its original function as a blacksmith shop; a once significant and vital craft industry in the communities in Puslinch. The building is constructed of local fieldstone with lime taping and features a wide central entrance at the front facade designed to allow for horses and wagons. This entrance has single windows on each side. One of these windows has since been altered to create a doorway. Windows are spaced evenly along each side facade to allow light into the building. An original doorway is intact on the north-west side of the structure and all fenestrations have stone voussoirs. Presently the building is a residence.

**Historical/ Associative Value:**

The origin and evolution of this building is directly associated with the changing technology and commerce of Morrison. Blacksmiths were essential services in the Township's villages during the 1800s and early 1900s and formed either the primary industry or were one of the core industries of the community. These craft industries were gradually subsumed by foundries. The property located at lot 5 (PLAN 135) 69, Morrison, Ontario, holds significant historical value dating back to its ownership by the McEdwards family until 1865 when it was destroyed by fire. Following this event, George Elfner bought and rebuilt the blacksmith shop on the property, where he operated it until 1890.

Subsequently, the property transitioned to a gristing business until 1898 when it was acquired by R. A. Butchart, who converted it into a Cooperage. In 1922, the property saw a transformation when Albert Huether, the son of German blacksmith John Huether, established Heuther's Garage. This family-operated garage became a cornerstone of the community for two generations, with Albert's son, William (Bill) Huether, continuing its operation until 1964, when the business relocated to a new location down the street.

Over the years, the property has witnessed various commercial endeavors, including its last known business, Morrison Lock and Key. Despite its commercial history, the property has undergone renovations and now serves as a residential dwelling.

The historical narrative of the property encapsulates the evolution of Morrison's economic landscape and the contributions of its inhabitants to the community's development. As such, the property holds significant cultural and contextual value, representing a tangible link to Morrison's past. The property is also associated with many of the early settler families in the area, including the McEdwards and the Huether families.

**Contextual Value:**

The property is contextually significant to the main street of Morrison. It is a vestige of the mixed industrial, commercial and residential streetscape that characterized Queen Street for a century. Since these stores and industries have become redundant, like this structure, many of these properties have been adaptively reused as residences. The property reflects the changes in required services as carriages gave way to cars, and

wood barrels were replaced by mass manufactured plastic containers. As such, the property stands as a defining feature of both the landscape and the area's physical history, reminiscent of the initial drive to establish settlement in Morriston.

### **Description of Heritage Attributes**

The following are to be considered as heritage attributes to be protected by a heritage designation by-law for 69 Queen St:

- All original fenestration
- Original foundation
- Stone exterior walls
- Stone voussoirs
- Height, scale and massing of the original one storey component.

### **Notice of Objection**

Any person may send a notice of objection to this proposed designation, before 4:00 p.m. on November 16, 2024. 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 October 17, 2024

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Township of Puslinch  
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CC: Property Owner  
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