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From: Michael Michaud, Manager of Planning

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RE: Intention to Designate – 23-25 Ferguson Street (Welsh House), Ward of Picton

This letter is to inform you of the intention to designate the property located at 23-25 Ferguson Street (Welsh House), in the Ward of Picton, in the County of Prince Edward. Please see the attached Statement of Cultural Heritage Value for the property, which includes a description of the property, statement explaining the cultural heritage value of the property and a description of the heritage attributes of the property.

Notice of Objection to the proposed designation(s) must be received no later than the **29th day of March, 2025** by registered mail or delivered to the Municipality's Deputy Clerk, together with a statement of the reasons for the objection and relevant facts. When a Notice of Objection has been received, the Council of the County of Prince Edward will refer the matter to the Conservation Review Board for a hearing and report.

If you have any question, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Best Regards,

for Michael Michaud, MCIP RPP
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Welsh/Churchill House
c. 1857 (Main East Block)
c.1860 (West Block Attached)
23-25 Ferguson Street, Picton

INTRODUCTION AND DESCRIPTION

The Welsh house displays the unique brick masonry technique of rowlock-bond construction and was built and lived in by Robert Welsh Jr., the mason that is attributed with this type of construction of numerous dwellings in Picton. The house was built in two distinct sections at different periods, both displaying consistent features, and survives as an early rare example of a duplex. The house is in a prominent location at the corner of Ferguson Street and Jacksons Lane, in addition to full view from the intersection of Ferguson and Mary Streets. The original masonry work has not been altered by covering, cleaning or alterations in openings. The massing, fenestration, and location of the building, including the corner lot location and zero setbacks from Ferguson Street and Jacksons Lane, add to the character and prominence of this unique dwelling.

STATEMENT OF CULTURAL HERITAGE VALUE/STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Design or Physical Value

CRITERIA: The property has design value or physical value because it is a rare, unique, representative or early example of a style, type, expression, material or construction method.

The Welsh House has design value in the use of rowlock-bond brick construction in the Flemish bond, with the brick construction pattern fully displayed on the front, east and west elevations. The tail of the original east block fronting on Jackson's Lane retains the elliptical lintel of tapered bricks outlining location of original woodshed wagon door. The rear of this tail is built in rough limestone. The main house extends to a one- and three-quarter storey height, and this height is reflected in the second storey window head locations on the front façade being just below the cornice. The later west block was constructed in similar style as the original, but as a two-bay front elevation aspect as compared to the three bays of the initial block. The cornice and eave returns add a modest, but attractive, exterior trim feature to this largely unadorned structure.

Historical or Associative Value

CRITERIA: The property has historical value or associative value because it has direct associations with a theme, event, belief, activity, organization or institution that are significant to the community.

The property has historical value or associative value because it demonstrates or reflects the work or ideas of an architect, artist, builder, designer or theorist who is significant to a community.

The house has value in the association with Robert Welsh Jr., a Picon mason, who together with his father and other family members, were contractors and masons in Picton in the 1840s to 1870s. Their use of rowlock-bond brick construction on numerous buildings in Picton is unique and represents examples of a specific masonry method. The design and construction are significant as the home was built by the contractor for his own use.

Contextual Value

CRITERIA: The property has contextual value because it is important in defining, maintaining or supporting the character of an area.

The property has contextual value because it is physically, functionally, visually or historically linked to its surroundings.

The property has contextual value because it is a landmark.

As a prominent building in the location of three intersecting streets, the building is an appealing and interesting visual landmark due to the unique brick construction, providing character to this residential neighbourhood. The Welsh house is one of the earliest houses on this block, as the house parcel was purchased as a segment of a larger ten-acre undeveloped block.

Heritage Attributes

Key elements that contribute to the cultural heritage value include:

- Massing of the building from the aspect of both Ferguson and Mary Streets and Jacksons Lane. The height, footprint, and roof pitch of both the main block and tails to be maintained.
- All brick fabric and brick masonry details of the rowlock-bond style, including lintels to be maintained.
- The fenestration of the façade fronting Ferguson Street, Jacksons Lane, the East block extending above the tail, and the west elevation of the historical west block to be maintained. This includes the location and size of all existing openings of both the main blocks and East block tail.
- The rear gable wall construction on the East block tail, constructed of rough limestone, to be maintained.
- The 'Aultsville' cornice and eaves returns on both Blocks and the East tail to be maintained.

References

Cruickshank, Tom, and Peter John Stokes, *The Settler's Dream* (Picton: Corporation of the County of Prince Edward, 1984), p 237-239, text and photograph

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