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Sent Via Email to: [heritage@heritagetrust.on.ca](mailto:heritage@heritagetrust.on.ca)

October 1, 2025

Ontario Heritage Trust  
10 Adelaide Street East  
Toronto ON, M5C 1J3

**RE: By-law 39-25 to Designate 14954 Old Simcoe Road, Port Perry, as being of Heritage Value or Interest Under Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Trust**

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Please be advised that at the Council meeting of the Township of Scugog held on September 22, 2025, the above-captioned By-law was passed to designate 14954 Old Simcoe Road, Port Perry, Ontario, as a property of cultural heritage value or interest under Part IV of the *Ontario Heritage Act* (the Act). Notice of the Passing of the By-law has been published in the local newspaper and posted on the [Township's Public Notices page](#), with an appeal period ending October 25, 2025.

Enclosed, please find the following:

- By-law 39-25, passed on September 22, 2025
- Notice of Designation By-law (published in the local newspaper on September 25, 2025)
- Copy of correspondence to the property owners regarding the Passing of the Designation By-law

Following the conclusion of the 30-day appeal period, and provided no objections are received, the Township will register the designation on title and provide notice to the Trust once complete.

Should you require any further information, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned.

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Please be advised that at the September 22, 2025, Council meeting of the Township of Scugog, the above captioned By-law was passed to designate 14954 Old Simcoe Road, Port Perry, Ontario, as a property of cultural heritage value or interest under Part IV of the *Ontario Heritage Act* (the Act). Notice of the Passing By-law has been published in our local Newspaper and placed on with an appeal date ending October 25<sup>th</sup>, 2025.

Enclosed please find:

- By-Law 39-25 passed on September 22, 2025
- Notice of designation By-law (published in local newspaper on September 25, 2025)
- Copy of letter to the property owners of Passing Designation By-law

Once the 30 days has passed, and if no objections are received, our office will register the property as designated on title and provide notice to the Trust when complete.

Should you require anything further regarding the above, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned.

Yours Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Blair Labelle", written in a cursive style.

Blair Labelle  
Director of Corporate Services/Clerk

CC Meaghan Craven, Director of Development Services  
Encl.

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Sent Via Email to: [REDACTED]

September 29, 2025

[REDACTED]  
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**RE: Designation under Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act  
14954 Old Simcoe Road, Port Perry**

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Further to the communication sent to you by email on May 26, 2025, this is to confirm that on September 22, 2025 Council passed By-law 39-25 to designate 14954 Old Simcoe Road, Port Perry, under Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act.

A Notice of Passing has been issued and published in the Standard Newspaper, the Township Bulletin, social media, and our Township website. There will be a 30-day appeal period with a deadline of October 25, 2025. If no objection is received within the designated period, By-law 39-25 is considered to be in effect and will be registered against the property in the Land Registry and Land Titles Offices for the Land Registry Division of Durham.

Once again, on behalf of the Committee and Council I wish to thank you for your interest in preserving our Heritage in Scugog.

Should you have any questions or require anything further, please contact Christy Harrison, Committee Coordinator at 905-985-7346 ext. 133.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Blair Labelle', is written over a white background.

Blair Labelle  
Director of Corporate Services/Clerk

cc: Meaghan Craven, Director Development Services  
Encl.

**The Corporation of The Township of Scugog**

**By-law Number 39-25**

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Being a by-law to designate 14954 Old Simcoe Road, Port Perry, as being of cultural heritage value or interest pursuant to Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act, R.S.O 1990, c. O.18, as amended.

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**Whereas** Section 29, Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act, R.S.O 1990, c. O.18, as amended (the "Ontario Heritage Act"), authorizes the Council of a municipality to enact by-laws to designate a property to be of cultural heritage value or interest; and,

**Whereas** the property municipally known as 14954 Old Simcoe Road, Port Perry is legally described as PT LT 93 PL H50021 AS IN D548298; SCUGOG; (the "Subject Property"); and,

**Whereas** on April 1, 2025 the Heritage Advisory Committee recommended that Council approve the request to designate the property located at 14954 Old Simcoe Road, Port Perry under Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act: and,

**Whereas** on April 28, 2025 Council considered Item 5.1 of the Heritage Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes of April 1, 2025 and passed a motion to initiate the process to designate the Subject Property under Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act; and,

**Whereas** the Subject Property contains the William Malcolm and Gertrude Spurr Cutts House; and,

**Whereas** the statement of cultural heritage value or interest of the Subject Property has been described in Schedule "A" affixed to this by-law; and,

**Whereas** on the basis of the cultural heritage value or interest outlined in Schedule "A" affixed hereto, the Subject Property meets the criteria for designation under Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act in accordance with Ontario Regulation 9/06; and

**Whereas** on May 29, 2025 the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Scugog forwarded to the Ontario Heritage Trust and the registered owners of the Subject Property a Notice of Intention to Designate the Property; and,

**Whereas** Notice of Intention to Designate the Subject Property was posted on May 29, 2025 on the Township's website and in the Standard Newspaper; and,

**Whereas** the last day for filing a Notice of Objection to the Notice of Intention to Designate the Subject Property was June 29, 2025; and,

**Whereas** the Township of Scugog did not receive any objections to the designation of the Subject Property within the aforementioned timeframe.

**Now therefore, the Council of The Corporation of The Township of Scugog hereby enacts** as follows:

1. The Subject Property, including its features which are described in Schedule "A" to this By-law, constituting the property municipally known as 14954 Old Simcoe Road, Port Perry, legally described as PT LT 93 PL H50021 AS IN D548298; SCUGOG, is hereby designated as being of cultural heritage value or interest.

2. In accordance with the Ontario Heritage Act, an adequate description, a statement explaining the cultural heritage value or interest, and a description of the heritage attributes of the Subject Property are set out in Schedule "A" to the by-law.
3. Schedule "A" forms an integral part of this by-law.
4. A copy of this by-law shall be registered against the Subject Property in the Land Registry and Land Titles Offices for the Land Registry Division of Durham.
5. The Clerk is hereby authorized to serve a copy of this by-law on the Ontario Heritage Trust and the registered owners of the Subject Property, and to publish notice of the passing of this by-law.

This By-law Read and Passed by Council on the 22<sup>nd</sup> day of September, 2025.



DEPUTY MAYOR, Janna Guido



CLERK, Blair Labelle

## **Schedule A**

TO BY-LAW 39-25

### **Heritage Value Statement 14954 Old Simcoe Road, Port Perry, ON**

The property at 14954 Old Simcoe Road is worthy of designation under Part IV, Section 29 of the Ontario Heritage Act for its cultural heritage value and meets Ontario Regulation 9/06, the provincial criteria prescribed for municipal designation under the categories of design/physical value, contextual and associative value as described in the following Statement of Heritage Value.

#### **Statement of Cultural Heritage Value**

##### **Physical/Design Value**

Constructed in approximately 1860 the two-storey residence located at 14954 Old Simcoe Road has design and physical value for its typology as an extremely well preserved and representative example of the late Victorian period gothic revival farmhouse found in small towns and rural areas across Ontario.

The building is a two storey, L-shaped, wooden clapboard dwelling. The design features a steeply pitched front gable with original spire at the gabled peak above the front porch and a gothic style window with pointed arch in the front gable.

The front porch/verandah is not original to the dwelling but is an architecturally accurate representation typical of the period which adds to the character of the dwelling.

The dwelling features the original wooden dentil shelf front door with decorative molding and a rectangular transom window above.

There are two wooden framed double hung windows on the right side of the front door and on the left side of the dwelling there are four symmetrically placed double hung wooden framed windows.

The sunroom located on the south side of the dwelling was added on in the late 1800's shortly after construction of the main house. It features a sloped roof and original window openings.

##### **Contextual Value**

Contextually, the property has value as it contributes to the late 19<sup>th</sup> century historic character of the Township of Scugog and provides one of the few remaining examples of this type of architecture along Old Simcoe Road tying into the historic rural character of the area.

##### **Historical and Associative Value**

The dwelling is notable for having been occupied during the period of approximately 1915 to 1943 by the renowned Canadian artists Gertrude Spurr Cutts and William Malcolm Cutts.

William Malcolm Cutts was painter of portraits, landscapes and marine studies. He was a member of the Ontario Society of Artists and showed with it from 1891 – 1928 and was also an associate member of the Royal Canadian Academy of Arts. His works are included in the collections of the National Gallery of Canada in Ottawa, the

Ontario Government Collection in Toronto, the St. James Club, Montreal and the Robert McLaughlin Gallery in Oshawa.

Best known for her rural landscape paintings Gertrude Spurr Cutts had a diverse body of work including oil and watercolour paintings and pen and ink sketches. She also worked as a restorer of old and damaged paintings. Her work is included in the collections of the National Gallery of Canada, the Art Gallery of Ontario, the Art Gallery of Hamilton and the Robert McLaughlin Gallery in Oshawa.

In a newspaper article dated November 13<sup>th</sup>, 1919, William Cutts commented that “in the pretty little village of Port Perry we can work without interruption and derive inspiration from the outlook of every window of our delightful home”.

In recognition of these renowned Canadian artists having resided in the residence and the preservation of the original window openings through which these artists derived inspiration, this delightful home is recommended for designation as the William Malcolm and Gertrude Spurr Cutts House.

### **Heritage Attributes**

#### **Design and Physical Value**

The following attributes contribute to the cultural heritage value of the property at 14954 Old Simcoe Road as a representative example of a well preserved late Victorian Gothic Revival Farmhouse displaying a high degree of craftsmanship and artistic merit:

- L-shaped plan, scale, form and massing of the two-storey dwelling
- The steeply pitched gable roof
- The spire/finial at the gabled peak
- The gothic style window opening with pointed arch in the gabled peak
- The symmetrically placed windows and original window openings at the front of the dwelling
- The dentil shelf solid wood front door with transom window above
- The original clapboard wood siding
- The attached Sunroom with sloped roof and original window openings

#### **Contextual Value**

The following heritage attributes contribute to the cultural heritage value of the property at 14954 Old Simcoe Road as being historically linked to its surroundings and important in maintaining and supporting the character of the area:

- The siting of the dwelling in its original location
- The connection of the property to the historic rural character of the area

#### **Associative Value**

The following heritage attributes contribute to the cultural heritage value of the property at 14954 Old Simcoe Road as being directly associated with renowned Canadian artists:

- The ownership of the residence by renowned Canadian artists William Malcolm Cutts and Gertrude Spurr Cutts

Note: The front porch/verandah is not original to the house and as such is not identified as a heritage attribute; however, it forms an integral part of the dwelling, and any alteration or demolition will impact the Heritage Attributes.

# Township of Scugog – Drop-In Recreation Programs Now Running. Visit [scugog.ca/leisureguide](http://scugog.ca/leisureguide) for more information

## 2025 Meeting Schedule, Proclamations and Appointments

- General Purpose and Administration Committee: October 6 @ 1:30 p.m.
- Planning & Community Affairs Committee: October 20 @ 6:30 p.m.
- Council Meeting: October 27 @ 6:30 p.m.

For all Council & Committee schedules, minutes and agendas, please visit [scugog.ca/council](http://scugog.ca/council). Comments / questions regarding agenda items can be directed to the department (contact us on [scugog.ca](http://scugog.ca)), or to our general email: [mail@scugog.ca](mailto:mail@scugog.ca) or call 905-985-7346.

## NEWS

### Scugog Council selects Darwin Logic Inc. to conduct Port Perry Fairgrounds Community Visioning Exercise

At the September 15 Special Council meeting, Scugog Council discussed the Request for Proposal (RFP) submissions for the Port Perry Fairgrounds Visioning Exercise. Staff reported to Council that 18 organizations expressed interest in this project, registering and receiving an official copy of the RFP documents. From that group, seven businesses submitted a compliant proposal by the August 29 deadline.

Following staff's recommendation, Council awarded the contract to Darwin Logic Inc. (operating as Darwin Pivot) in the amount of \$92,553 (excluding HST) budgeted from the Municipal Projects Reserve that funds the corporation's projects in areas such as IT, development of community strategies, master plan studies, and consultation projects. Darwin Logic Inc. has assembled a team of experts who have experience in demography, land use planning, stakeholder engagement, and program evaluation. They have conducted visioning and public consultation exercises in the past and offer the expertise to create a well-rounded community-driven vision for the fairgrounds. Meet the Darwin Logic Team leads for this project:

• Emily Hazell; Data Scientist and Organizational Strategist

• Troy Glover; Public Engagement, Placemaking, and Civic Participation Practitioner

• Robert Voigt; Registered Professional Planner

They will also be assisted by three other Darwin Logic Team members as they work together and collaborate with the community to complete the Visioning Exercise. You can view full bios of the team on our Fairgrounds Community Outreach project page.

Mayor Wilma Wotten shared Council's hope for the project. "I thank the staff for delivering on what we asked for and finding an impartial project team like Darwin Logic to lead the consultation to gather and develop ideas from the Scugog community. My wish is that all voices are captured over the next nine months from the Agricultural Society, other organizations, families, youth and our seniors to ensure we hear from as many voices as possible on ideas and proposals to create a space that provides an array of benefits for all Scugog residents."

The consultation is expected to begin this fall, offering in-person, virtual, and digital opportunities for participation. This is crucial to gather input from as many people as possible, enabling the creation of a comprehensive vision.

The full report, including the project timeline and scope of work, can be found through the September 15

## NEWS

Special Council Meeting agenda. You can also view the recording of the meeting livestream.

The Township will provide updates as the process begins. Be sure to follow us on social media and subscribe to our news reel to never miss an update.

### 2025 Volunteer Firefighter Recruitment program is now open

Are you looking for a way to give back, challenge yourself, and be part of something bigger? We're looking for dedicated individuals to join our team as Volunteer Firefighters!

What You'll Do:

- Respond to fire, rescue and emergency calls
- Assist in providing fire safety education to the community
- Train in firefighting, rescue and first aid skills
- Work as part of a supportive and committed team

What We're Looking For:

- Community-minded individuals
- Good physical health and willingness to learn
- Dependable, team-oriented and ready to step up when needed

What You'll Gain:

- Professional training and valuable skills
- A strong sense of pride and accomplishment
- Lifelong friendships and a second family
- The opportunity to make a real difference

Applicants must live within the Township of Scugog, be 18 years of age or older, possess a valid Ontario driver's licence (G or higher), and be in good physical health.

Have some questions? Join us for an open house information session:

- Wednesday, October 1st at 7:00 p.m. at Station 62 – Caesarea (3550 Regional Road 57, Caesarea)
- Thursday, October 2nd at 7:00 p.m. at Station 61 – Port Perry (30 Crandell Street, Port Perry)

Applications will be accepted until Friday, October 17. Visit our webpage Volunteer Firefighter Recruitment page to download an information package which includes a link to submit applications online.

### Uxbridge-Scugog Animal Shelter responds to concerns regarding local kennel

The Townships of Scugog and Uxbridge is aware of allegations made regarding the private kennel located in Scugog. The Uxbridge-Scugog Animal Shelter staff investigate all complaints to ensure compliance. We take the health and welfare of animals very seriously.

Any concerns regarding the care and treatment of animals can be directed to Provincial Animal Wellness Services (PAWS) at: 1-833-9-ANIMAL (264625).

### Enter to Win the Scugog Environmental & Climate Change Advisory Committee's Photo Contest

Scugog – All year round, mother nature is busy in the Township of Scugog.

Let's celebrate all of this natural beauty with your best photos taken of the plants, animals, and scenery in our Township!

SECCAC will select 12 photos to feature and publish in its 2026 Scugog Nature Calendar, plus, a 1st place winner will be selected and awarded the cover page photo for the Calendar. The contest is open to Scugog residents of all ages.

## PUBLIC NOTICES

Submissions for the photo contest will be accepted through our online form. Simply input your information, some details about the photo(s), upload photo attachments and submit to the team. Please note, the submission deadline is October 31, 2025.

Please be advised this contest has submission rules that must be followed by all participants. The list of rules can be found on our online form linked above. By participating in this contest, you hereby acknowledge that you agree to the contest rules.

## PUBLIC NOTICES

### Notice of the Passing of a By-law Under the Ontario Heritage Act

Take notice that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Scugog passed By-law 39-25 on the 22nd day of September 2025, under Section 29, Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act, R.S.O. 1990, c. O.18.

By-law 39-25 designates the property municipally known as 14954 Old Simcoe Road, containing the William Malcolm and Gertrude Spurr Cutts House, specifically: PT LT 93PL H50021 AS IN D548298; SCUGOG

as being of cultural heritage value or interest pursuant to the provisions of Section 29, Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act.

The full particulars for the subject property, including heritage attributes to be protected, are available for inspection in the Township of Scugog Municipal Offices, 181 Perry Street, Port Perry, between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. If you would like to obtain further details, please contact Meaghan Craven, Director of Development Services, at 905-985-7346 ext. 153 or by email at [mcraven@scugog.ca](mailto:mcraven@scugog.ca).

Any person may, on or before the 25th day of October 2025, send notice of appeal to the Ontario Land Tribunal and the Township Clerk by setting out their objection to By-law 39-25, together with a statement of their reasons in support of their objection and the associated fee charged by the Ontario Land Tribunal. Notice of appeal must be received by registered mail or delivered to the Clerk of the Township of Scugog.

Dated this 25th day of September 2025.

Blair Labelle, Director of Corporate Services/Municipal Clerk

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## Employment Opportunities

The following employment opportunities are available with the Township of Scugog!

- School Crossing Guards, Regular and Spare (Temporary, Part-Time)
- Public Works Operator (Temporary, Full-Time) – posting closes Friday, October 3, at 4:30 p.m.
- Customer Service Associate (Permanent, Full-Time) – posting closes Tuesday, October 7, at 4:30 p.m.

Information about Township of Scugog employment opportunities can be found at [scugog.ca/employment](http://scugog.ca/employment).



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