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TAKE NOTICE that the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Erin intends to designate the property, known municipally as 205 Main Street, as a property of cultural heritage value or interest under Part IV, Section 29 of the *Ontario Heritage Act, R.S.O. 1990, Chapter O.18* as amended.

Description of the Property

The subject property is legally described as LT 24 PL 102 ERIN; PT LT 33 PL 102 ERIN PART 1, 61R3330; ERIN.in the Village of Erin with a civic address of 205 Main Street. It consists of a one-and-a-half storey Gothic Revival building constructed between 1891 and 1907.

Statement of cultural heritage value or interest

205 Main Street is a representative example of the Gothic Revival architectural style. The one-and-a-half-storey building follows an L-shaped plan with one-storey rear wing and showcases an asymmetrical but balanced façade with cross gable roof with large front gable and smaller steeper gable peak and overhanging eaves which are representative of Gothic Revival architecture. The red brick building reflects the expression of dichromatic design through painted brickwork displayed on the diamond motifs found in the end gable, raised quoins, zig zag design on roofline of the rear wing, and all window and door surrounds which aligns with Gothic Revival characteristics. The rectangular and segmentally arched window openings have ornate voussoirs creating a hood mould effect, which is accentuated by the painted brickwork, is in keeping with Gothic Revival style. The ornate window design is also reflected on the one-storey and two-storey canted bay windows which contribute to this expression of Gothic Revival architecture. The open one-storey wrap around verandah is supported by wooden posts with capitals extends along the façade and south elevation and protects the main entrance, which is composed of a rectangular opening flanked by a single sidelight in keeping with the Gothic Revival style.

205 Main Street is directly associated with the historic core in the Village of Erin and William McDowell.

205 Main Street is located within the historic core of the Village of Erin. The development of the historic core in the 19th and early 20th century played a significant role in the social and economic development of the Village of Erin. The lot lines, layout, and built form of the historic core is consistent with typical 19th century rural communities found throughout Ontario. 205 Main Street was constructed between 1891 and 1907 for barrister William McDowell and his family William. McDowell was born on September 2, 1839. He married Janet Ferguson (1851-1931) on August 11, 1881, and they had at least five children. William served the local community as a barrister and as a local business owner. For several years William owned the Globe Hotel and rented it out to various innkeepers such as George Ramsden and J.P. Bush, until the Hotel was sold by then widow Janet McDowell in 1912. William McDowell died on May 27, 1912, in Erin.

205 Main Street is important in supporting and maintaining the late 19th and early 20th century character of the historic Village of Erin.

The residential portion of the historic Village of Erin, which extends from the commercial core and into several side streets, was developed at the same time as the commercial core and supports the legibility and character of the overall historic village. Located on or just off Main Street, the historic residential buildings are comprised of predominantly one to two-and-a-half storey residences of primarily brick construction with modest setbacks. 205 Main Street exhibits the massing, style and decorative details consistent with the character of the historic Village of Erin.

Description of heritage attributes

205 Main Street is a representative example of the Gothic Revival architectural style. The property contains the following heritage attributes that reflect this value:

- One-and-a-half-storey Gothic Revival building
- L-shaped plan with one-storey brick rear wing
- Asymmetrical but balanced façade with central entranceway with sidelight
- Cross gable roof with large front gable and smaller steeper gable peak and overhanging eaves
- Red brick construction with decorative brick detailing (painted white) displayed on the diamond motifs found in the end gable, raised quoins, zig zag design on roofline of the rear wing and window surrounds
- Rectangular and segmentally arched window openings have ornate voussoirs creating a hood mould effect
- One-storey and two-storey canted bay windows with hip roof and window surrounds
- One-storey wrap around open verandah along the façade and south elevation

205 Main Street is directly associated with the historic core in the Village of Erin and William McDowell.

The property contains the following heritage attributes that reflect this value:

- One-and-a-half-storey Gothic Revival building
- Overall massing, and decorative details



NOTICE OF INTENTION TO DESIGNATE
By The Corporation of the Town of Erin

205 Main Street, Erin

205 Main Street is important in supporting and maintaining the late 19th and early 20th century character of the historic Village of Erin. The property contains the following heritage attributes that reflect this value:

- One-and-a-half-storey Gothic Revival building
- Overall massing, and decorative details
- Location on Main Street

Notice of Objection to the Notice of Intention to Designate

Any person may serve written objection to this proposed designation on the Town Clerk before 4 p.m. on January 12, 2026. The Notice of Objection to the Notice of Intention to Designate the property must be sent by registered mail or delivered to the Town Clerk and must set out the reason(s) for the objection and all relevant facts.

If a Notice of Objection is received, the Council of the Town of Erin 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 by-law which is followed by a 30-day appeal period when appeals of the by-law may be filed with the Town Clerk for a hearing and decision by the Ontario Land Tribunal.

Additional Information regarding the Notice of Intention to Designate the property, is available by contacting the Planning and Development Department at 519-855-4407 or by email to planning@erin.ca.

Dated at the Town of Erin
This 11th day of December 2025

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