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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 217 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 30 PL 102 ERIN; LT 31 PL 102 ERIN EXCEPT PT 1, 61R5253; ERIN with a civic address of 217 Main Street in the Village of Erin. It consists of a two-storey Italianate residence constructed circa 1881.

**Statement of cultural heritage value or interest**

**217 Main Street is a representative example of a building constructed in the Italianate architectural style.**

The two-storey brick building follows an L-shaped plan with a truncated hip roof showcasing wide overhanging eaves with a moulded cornice adorned with rhythmically placed paired decorative wood brackets which are key characteristics associated with the Italianate architectural style. The asymmetrical but balanced façade showcases the rectangular entranceway opening topped by an arched transom and a stone block with rusticated rock faces and keystone which creates a hood mould design. Nearly all window openings are segmentally arched, with the exception of one square opening along the north elevation, showcase stone sills and are topped by a tooled stone lintel featuring rusticated rock faces and keystone which creates a hood mould effect which are representative of Italianate architecture. The two-storey open porch includes turned wood posts and railing on both floors and adorned with dentil detailing in between storeys add to the Italianate design of the building.

**217 Main Street is associated with the historic core in the Village of Erin, the McMillan Family, and the Ospringe Presbyterian Church.** 217 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 centuries 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. As the home of one of Erin's early settler families, 217 Main Street contributes to the development of the historic the village of Erin.

217 Main Street is associated with the McMillan family, who were early settlers and influential in the early development of the village of Erin. The subject land was purchased in 1846 by Daniel McMillan who is credited as an early founder of Erin. Based on land records, mortgage transactions and historic maps, the building was likely constructed around 1881 as a house for Daniel McMillan's nephew, John McMillan. John McMillan was born in February 1831, to Donald McMillan and Catherine (nee Milloy) in Erin, Ontario, and worked as a farmer. The property left McMillan ownership in 1888.

217 Main Street is associated with the Ospringe Presbyterian Church. The building was purchased by the Trustees for Ospringe Presbyterian Church in 1920 and was noted as being used as their Manse. It remained in the Churches ownership until 1988.

**217 Main Street is important in supporting and maintaining the late 19th and early 20th century character of the historic Village of Erin.** The residential portions, extending from the commercial core and into several side streets, were developed at the same time as the commercial core and supports the legibility and character of the historic village core. Located on or just off Main Street, the residential buildings are comprised of predominantly one to two-and-a-half storey residences, primarily brick construction, with modest setbacks. 217 Main Street exhibits setback, massing, style, decorative details consistent with the character of the historic Village of Erin.

**Description of heritage attributes**

**217 Main Street is a representative example of a building constructed in the Italianate architectural style.**

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

- Two-storey building constructed in the Italianate architectural style
- Red brick construction following a L-shaped plan
- Truncated hip-roof with wide overhanging eaves with rhythmically placed paired wood ornamental brackets
- Asymmetrical but balanced façade
- Rectangular entranceway opening topped by an arched transom and tooled stone block with rusticated rock faces and keystone which creates a hood mould feature
- Segmental window openings topped by a tooled stone lintel featuring rusticated rock faces and keystone which creates a hood mould effect and similarly treated stone sills
- Two-storey open porch includes turned wood posts and railing on both floors and adorned with dentil detailing in between storeys

**217 Main Street is directly associated with the historic core in the Village of Erin, the McMillan Family, and the Ospringe Presbyterian Church.** The property contains the following heritage attributes that reflect this value:

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

**217 Main Street, Erin**

- Overall massing, setback, and decorative details
- Location on Main Street

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**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](mailto:planning@erin.ca).

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

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