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## Notice of Intention to Designate a Heritage Property

Take notice that the Council of the Corporation of the Municipality of Grey Highlands intends to designate a dwelling located at 156386 7<sup>th</sup> Line, Rocklyn 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.

## Description of the property

The property at 156386 7<sup>th</sup> Line, Rocklyn, Grey Highlands is located on the west side of the 7<sup>th</sup> Line, three properties north of the central hamlet junction with Sideroad 22. The 1886 Euphrasia town hall is a 30'x45' open hall with 20' walls supporting a cathedral ceiling. A 12' deep stage used for council meetings is 2' above the floor at the western end of the building.

## Statement of Cultural Heritage Value or Interest

Euphrasia Town Hall has design value and physical value because:

- It is a representative example of an open hall built of local Bowler brick in common bond pattern with contrasting decorative yellow brick used in buttresses and voussoirs.
- It is a rare local example of decorative two-tone Renaissance revival voussoirs used above neo-classical arched windows and above the decorative Italianesque arched window above the double-door front entry.
- Double buttresses on all four corners are equally rare on local brick buildings, as is the unusual use of contrast brick in sloping sections at top and middle of all buttresses. Buttress brick courses do not match brick courses on wall, suggesting buttresses were installed later or re-bricked at some point.

Euphrasia Town Hall has historical value and associative value because:

- It has direct associations with 80+ years of council meetings and associated administrative operations of Euphrasia Township and its wider political connections to Grey County and the provincial & federal governments.
- It has direct associations with 100+ years of community celebrations and other events including appearances by notable MP Agnes McPhail and by popular country singer Tommy Hunter.

Euphrasia Town Hall has contextual value because:

- It is physically, historically and visually linked to the hamlet of Rocklyn which still serves as an important hub for community activities.

### Description of Heritage Attributes

Key exterior attributes that exemplify the typical and/or the unique design value of Euphrasia Town Hall include:

- All exterior brickwork including buttresses.
- Arched 4-over-4 double hung windows.
- Front entry double door with decorative Italianate window above

Key interior attributes that contribute to the design value of Euphrasia Town Hall include:

- Original interior woodwork & brick as restored and/or preserved.

Key attributes that contribute to the historical and associative value:

- Stage area at west end of room

### Objection to proposed designation

In accordance with Section 29 of the Ontario Heritage Act, a Notice of Intention to Designate the property will be published in the Flesherton Advance on Wednesday, January 28, 2026. Any person may send by registered mail or deliver to the Clerk of the Municipality of Grey Highlands a notice of objection to this proposed designation, setting out the reason for the objection and all relevant facts. This must be done before 4 p.m. on Friday, February 17, 2026. If a notice of objection is received, the Clerk shall refer the matter to Council for consideration and decision in accordance with Section 29(6) of the Ontario Heritage Act, R.S.O. 1990, c. O.18.

Dated at Grey Highlands this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of January, 2026 by Amanda Fines-VanAlstine,  
Municipal Clerk, Municipality of Grey Highlands

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#### The Municipality of Grey Highlands