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# Clarington

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To Ontario Heritage Trust:

**Re:** PDS-015-26 - Intention to Pursue Heritage Designation – Multiple Properties on Centre Street, Bowmanville

**File Number:** PG.25.06

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At a meeting held on February 23, 2026, the Council of the Municipality of Clarington approved the following Resolution #PD-023-26:

That Report [PDS-015-26](#), and any related delegations or communication items, be received;

That the Clerk issue a Notice of Intention to Designate the following properties as a cultural heritage resource as individual designations under Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act;

38 Centre Street, Bowmanville

50 Centre Street, Bowmanville

54 Centre Street, Bowmanville

64 Centre Street, Bowmanville

That the Clerk prepare the necessary by-laws if no objection(s) are received within 30 days after the date of publication of the Notice of Intention or staff will report back to Council regarding objection(s); and

That all interested parties listed in Report PDS-015-26 and any delegations be advised of Council's decision.

Yours truly,



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John Paul Newman  
Deputy Clerk

JPN/lh

c: Suzanne Branton, Scott Branton  
Michelle Dunbar, Troy Woudwyk  
Margaret Hicks  
Brendan Malone, Courtney Nicholson  
Peter Vogel, Clarington Heritage Committee  
D. Lyons, Deputy CAO, Planning and Infrastructure  
L. Backus, Manager of Community Planning  
A. da Silva, Planner I, Community Planning

In the Matter of the *Ontario Heritage Act*, R.S.O. 1990, c.O. 18  
And in the Matter of the Lands and Premises  
Known Municipally as 38 Centre Street, Bowmanville  
in The Municipality of Clarington

**Notice of Intention to Designate**

Take Notice that the Council of the Corporation of the Municipality of Clarington intends to designate the property located at 38 Centre Street, Bowmanville, in the Municipality of Clarington, as a property of architectural and historical value under Part IV of the *Ontario Heritage Act*, R.S.O. 1990, c.O.18.

**Reasons for Proposed Designation**

**Description of Property**

38 Centre Street is located on the west side of Centre Street in the Town of Bowmanville, in the Municipality of Clarington. The subject property contains a two-storey building constructed between 1879 and 1891 in the Italianate architectural style.

**Physical/Design Value**

38 Centre Street has design value as a representative example of a residential building constructed in the Italianate architectural style. 38 Centre Street is a two-storey, red brick building coursed in Flemish bond and finished with buff brick detailing with a balanced but asymmetrical composition. The buff brick detailing is not only on the voussoirs but is found along foundation line, under roofline, on the stepped quoins which frame the building and is a design feature often associated with the Italianate style. The hip roof with wide overhanging eaves showcases rhythmically placed wood brackets which are the key characteristics of the Italianate style. The projecting section along the façade, and side elevation, showcase paired segmentally arched window openings accented with buff brick voussoirs on the upper level and a one-storey canted bay window topped by a truncated hip roof with slightly overhanging eaves and bracketed cornice on the main level which have tall, narrow windows accented by buff brick voussoirs in keeping with Italianate stylistic features. The prominent rectangular entrance opening is topped by a rectangular transom and flanked by a sidelight on one side only and protected by a small two-storey porch supported by large, wood columns with decorative capitals and includes wood railing. The remaining rhythmically placed windows have segmentally arched or rectangular window opening with buff brick voussoirs and are in keeping with the Italianate architectural style.

**Contextual Value**

38 Centre Street is important in supporting the 19th and early 20th century residential streetscape along Centre Street, located within the historic Town of Bowmanville. The lot lines and block layout of the historic Town was well established in the late-19th century as reflected in the commercial core found along King Street and the large presence of residences located along several side streets. The development of the residential area, which includes Centre Street, during this time played a significant role in the social and economic development and reflected the growth of the historic Town of Bowmanville. Located off or parallel to the commercial area along King Street, the buildings in the historical Town located along the side streets are comprised of predominantly one to two-and-a-half storey residences, primarily brick construction and often showcase ornate details. The location of the subject property fronting towards Centre Street, combined with unique stylistic features and legibility as a late-19th century style, support the character of the Centre Street streetscape and by extension the broader historic residential area. The historic character is reinforced by the presence of large

mature trees and vegetations which consistently line both sides of Centre Street. When in bloom, the tree canopy is so robust it creates a tunnel which reinforces the area's mature character, strengthens the continuity and relationship among houses, and provides an aesthetic appeal to the streetscape. 38 Centre Street was constructed between 1879 and 1891 and exhibits, massing, style, and decorative details consistent with the cohesive 19th century and early 20th century character of the Centre Street streetscape which is further reinforced by the presence of a mature tree canopy.

Also of note is resident Dr. Keith Slemon, who owned the property from 1947 until his death in 1974 and operated his medical practice from the home.

### **Description of Heritage Attributes**

38 Centre Street has design value as a representative example of a residential 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 with buff brick detailing
- Buff brick detailing is found on voussoirs, foundation line, under roofline, and on stepped quoins
- Balanced but asymmetrical composition
- Hip roof with wide eaves with decorative cornice showcasing rhythmically placed wood brackets
- Rectangular entranceway opening topped by a rectangular transom and flanked by a sidelight on one side only and protected by a small two-storey porch supported by large, wood columns with decorative capitals and includes wood railing
- Bay windows with truncated hip roof, bracketed cornice and tall, narrow, window openings with buff brick voussoirs, topped by paired segmentally arched window with buff brick voussoirs found on façade and on side elevation
- Rectangular and segmentally arched window openings with buff brick voussoirs

38 Centre Street is important in supporting the 19th and early 20th century residential streetscape along Centre Street, located within the historic Town of Bowmanville. The property contains the following heritage attributes that reflect this value:

- Two-storey building constructed in the Italianate architectural style
- Overall form, massing, and setback
- Location on corner lot fronting towards Centre Street

Further information regarding the proposed heritage designation of 38 Centre Street can be obtained by contacting the Community Planning Division of the Municipality of Clarington Planning & Infrastructure Department during regular business hours between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. from Monday to Friday, 905-623-3379, [heritage@clarington.net](mailto:heritage@clarington.net).

Any person who objects to a proposed designation may, within thirty days after the date of publication of the Notice of Intention, give the Clerk of the Municipality of Clarington a notice of objection setting out the reasons for the objection and all relevant facts. Objections can be submitted to [clerks@clarington.net](mailto:clerks@clarington.net).

If a notice of objection has been given, the Council of the Municipality of Clarington 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 period.

Dated at the Municipality of Clarington this 18<sup>th</sup> day of March 2026

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "June Gallagher". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed name and title.

June Gallagher, B.A., Dipl. M.A.  
Municipal Clerk  
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