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The Corporation of the Municipality of Clarington

By-law 2019-039

Being a by-law to designate the property known for municipal purposes as 26 Concession Street West, Bowmanville, Municipality of Clarington as a property of historic or architectural value or interest under the Ontario Heritage Act, R. S. O. 1990, Chapter 0.18:

Whereas the Ontario Heritage Act, R. S. O., 1990, c.0.18 authorizes the Council of the Municipality to enact by-laws to designate properties to be of historic or architectural value or interest for the purposes of the Act; and

Whereas the Council of the Corporation of the Municipality of Clarington has caused to be served upon the owner of the property known for municipal purposes at 26 Concession Street West, Bowmanville and upon the Ontario Heritage Foundation, Notice of Intention to Designate the aforesaid real property and has caused such Notice of Intention to be published in the Clarington This Week, a newspaper having general circulation in the area of the designation on July 11, 2018; and

Whereas the reasons for the designation of the aforesaid property under the Ontario Heritage Act are contained in Schedule "A" attached to and forming part of this by-law; and

Whereas the Clarington Heritage Committee has recommended that the property known for municipal purposes as 26 Concession Street West, Bowmanville, be designated as a property of historic or architectural value or interest under the Ontario Heritage Act; and

Whereas no notice of objection to the proposed designation was served upon the Municipal Clerk within the period prescribed by the Ontario Heritage Act,

Now Therefore the Council of the Corporation of The Municipality of Clarington hereby enacts as follows:

- 1. The property known for municipal purposes at 26 Concession Street West. Bowmanville which is more particularly described in Schedule "B" which is attached to and forms part of this by- law, is hereby designated as a property which has historic or architectural value or interest under Section 29 of the Ontario Heritage Act, R. S. O. 1990, c., O. 18.
- 2. The Solicitor for the Municipality of Clarington is hereby authorized to cause a copy of this by-law to be registered against the title to the property described in Schedule "B" hereto.

3. The Municipal Clerk is hereby authorized to cause a copy of this by-law to be served upon the owner of the property described in Schedule "B" hereto and on the Ontario Heritage Foundation. The Municipal Clerk also is authorized to cause notice of the passing of this by-law to be published in the Clarington This Week, a newspaper having general circulation in the area of the designation.

Passed in Open Council this 10th day of June, 2019

Adrian Foster, Mayor

C. Anne Greentree, Municipal Clerk

Schedule 'A' To By-law 2019-039

Statement of Significance and list of character defining features.

Description of Property

26 Concession Street West, known as Dundurn, is a one and half storey residence located on a large lot on the north side of Concession Street West in Bowmanville.

Statement of Cultural Heritage Value or Interest

Dundurn's physical heritage value lies it being an excellent example of a country villa built in the Regency style with Gothic Revival details. Built in 1854 on a spacious parcel, it is one of the earliest brick houses in Bowmanville. It features an upper storey gable in the centre of the front façade. All the windows are surmounted by wooden hood mouldings, a decorative element associated with the Gothic Revival style. The bargeboard that adorns the eaves is light and lacy in character unlike the heavier bargeboard that was used later in the century. The front door is surrounded by a rectangular transom and sidelights and there are two pairs of French doors on either side of the main entrance. A columned porte-cochere extending from the east side of the house and an open veranda similarly supported by large columns at the front of the house were early 20th century additions to the house.

Dundurn's associative heritage value lies in its association with two prominent local residents, Reverend Dr. Alexander MacNab and John Milne. Dr. Alexander MacNab (1811-1891) was appointed as the first Rector in charge of the Anglican Church for Darlington Township in 1854 and had Dundurn built as his family's residence in the same year. He most likely named the house 'Dundurn' after his ancestral home in Scotland. A relative Sir Allan Napier MacNab who was Prime Minister of the United Canada's from 1854 to 1856 had 'Dundurn Castle' built in Hamilton. Dr. Alexander MacNab lived at Dundurn until 1867 when he sold it to local merchant and politician, John Milne (1822-1889). John Milne was a member of the first Town Council in 1858 and ran for Parliament as a Conservative in 1863 and 1867. He was a friend of Sir John A. Macdonald who is reported to have visited Dundurn several times including for a garden party on Dundurn's grounds while also having slept in the south-east bedroom.

The home has been owned and well maintained by the since the 1950's, over 60 years.

Typical to the Regency style, Dundurn's contextual heritage value lies in its original siting on spacious grounds which visually underscores the stately nature of the dwelling and provides expansive views of the house from the street.

Description of heritage attributes

Key heritage attributes that exemplify the heritage value of Dundurn as an excellent example of a Regency villa designed with Gothic Revival details include:

- The front façade roof gable
- The brick façade
- The front door with its rectangular transom and sidelights
- The wooden hooded mouldings above the windows
- The bargeboard adorning the eaves
- The columned porte-cochere
- The columned front veranda
- The original location in the centre of the lot

Schedule 'B' To By-law 2018- 039

Legal Description:

Part 1, Plan 40R-30511 (Bowmanville) Municipality of Clarington Regional Municipality of Durham