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ONTARIO HERITAGE TRUST

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Dear Provincial Heritage Register,

**Re: Notice of Passing of By-law 2021-34 being a By-law to Designate 3981 Harrowsmith Road, in the District of Portland, Township of South Frontenac, under Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act**

Please be advised that the Council of the Township of South Frontenac at its regular meeting held on June 15, 2021, adopted By-Law 2021-34, being a by-law to designate the property municipally known as 3981 Harrowsmith (the Stewart House) in the District of Portland in the Township of South Frontenac under Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act. A copy of By-law 2021-34 is attached. By-law 2021-34 includes a statement explaining the cultural heritage value or interest of the property and a description of the heritage attributes of the property.

Dated at the Township of South Frontenac this 15<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2021.

  
Angela Maddocks, Clerk  
Township of South Frontenac  
4432 George Street, Sydenham, ON, K0H 2T0

**TOWNSHIP OF SOUTH FRONTENAC  
BY-LAW 2021- 34**

**BEING A BY-LAW TO DESIGNATE THE STEWART HOUSE AT 3981 HARROWSMITH ROAD TO BE OF CULTURAL HERITAGE VALUE AND INTEREST PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF THE ONTARIO HERITAGE ACT (R.S.O. 1990, C. 0.18)**

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**WHEREAS** pursuant to the provisions of Section 29 of the *Ontario Heritage Act*, R.S.O. 1990, Chapter 0.18, the Council of a Municipality may enact by-laws to designate real property, including all buildings and structures thereon, to be of cultural heritage value or interest;

**AND WHEREAS** Council has consulted with its Municipal Heritage Committee and has approved the designation of the property located at 3981 Harrowsmith Road ,Part Lots 1-4, Block A, Plan 57, District of Portland, Township of South Frontenac, on April 1, 2021;

**AND WHEREAS** a notice of intention to designate the property was published in the *Frontenac News*, which is a newspaper having general circulation in the Municipality on May 5, 2021;

**AND WHEREAS** no notice of objection to the proposed designation was served to the Clerk of the Corporation of the Township of South Frontenac;

**NOW THEREFORE**, the Council of the Corporation of the Township of South Frontenac, hereby enacts as follows:

1. That the real property located at Part Lots 1-4, Block A, Plan 57, municipally known as 3981 Harrowsmith Road, in the District of Portland, Township of South Frontenac, referred to as the Stewart House, is designated as being of Cultural and Heritage value under the Ontario Heritage Act;
2. That the Township Solicitor is hereby authorized to cause a copy of the designating by-law to be registered against the property affected in the property land registry office.
3. The Township Clerk is hereby authorized hereby authorized to cause a copy of this by-law to be served on the owner of the land described in Schedule "1" hereto and on The Ontario Heritage Trust and to cause notice of the passing of this by-law to be published in Frontenac News and on the Township's official website;
4. That the the document titled Heritage Designation Statement of Cultural Heritage Value or Interest - 3981 Harrowsmith Road "The Stewart House" shall form part of this by-law as Schedule 2;
5. THIS BY-LAW shall come into force and take effect on the date of its passing.

**Dated at the Township of South Frontenac this 15<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2021.**

**Read a first and second time this 15<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2021.**

**Read a third time and finally passed this 15<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2021.**

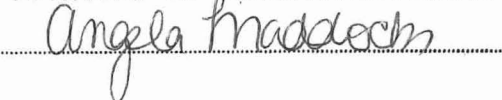
**THE CORPORATION OF THE  
TOWNSHIP OF SOUTH FRONTENAC**

  
**Ron Vandewal, Mayor**

  
**Angela Maddocks, Clerk**

I, ANGELA MADDOCKS certify that  
this is a true copy that has not been altered  
in any way.  
Dated this 25 day of JUNE 2021.

TOWNSHIP OF SOUTH FRONTENAC



## **Schedule 1**

### **This is Schedule "1" to By-law No. 2021- 34**

#### **Description and Reasons for Designation**

##### **The Stewart House**

Civic Address: 3981 Harrowsmith Road  
Legal Description: Part Lots 1-4, Block A, Plan 57, Portland, County of Frontenac  
Property Roll Number: 102908002006500

##### Description of Property

The Stewart House at 3981 Harrowsmith Road is located on the south side of Harrowsmith Road, close to the intersection with Road 38. The property contains a two and a half story stone dwelling (constructed circa 1846) with an attached one and a half story stone carriage house.

##### Statement of Cultural Heritage Value and Interest/Statement of Significance

###### **Physical/Design Value**

The Stewart House has design value as a well-preserved example of a 2 storey home from the late 19th century. It retains many original features including soffits, fascia, and fenestration that were once commonly found on homes of this era. The house, of rough-hewn regularly coursed square limestone walls has three bays with symmetrical arrangement of equal size second floor windows. The main entrance is composed of a door with transom. The window openings and door recess, for both the main house and carriage house, and are topped by voussoirs of a distinctly different colour of limestone.

All corners of the house have smooth pronounced raised ashlar quoins. The side elevations depict the ashlar courses are wide then narrow. The wide courses (masonry units) are a lighter coloured limestone, and the narrow courses are of darker coloured limestone. The treatment of the courses results in a horizon striped "pattern". There are other buildings in the surrounding area with this similar distinctive "striped pattern" of ashlar coursing. It was likely a trademark of a particular stone Mason/Builder.

On the east side of the house, a limestone one-and-one half storey "carriage house" abuts at a right angle to the main house at the back corner. The manner by which this structure connects to the house indicates that it was a later addition. A wide, plain soffit and fascia terminates the roofline with a stone chimney at the west gable end.

The attic of the main house has two trusses with large hand-hewn beams that divide the attic space into thirds at waist height. These trusses bear the weight of the rafters. The rafters of both buildings are small trees, some still bearing their bark, squared on one side.

###### **Historical / Associative Value**

3981 Harrowsmith Road, the Stewart House, has good historical and associative value as an upper-middle class house in Harrowsmith from the mid nineteenth century. Built in 1846, it was constructed as part of the building boom from this period. The Stewarts lived in the stone building and were a prominent family in the Portland Area. Samuel was a village merchant and had significant land holdings. He served a number of terms as Mayor of Portland in the latter half of the 1850's. He also operated a general store (the stone building on the corner of Harrowsmith Road), was the postmaster for the village and owned a number of farms. When Samuel died, his daughter Isabella Stewart continued to operate the



store until 1922. The Stewart House and the general store were then sold to the Gallagher family.

### **Contextual Value**

This imposing limestone house sits prominently on the streetscape of Harrowsmith near the main intersection of the Village. Its built form displays the architectural trends and styles popular at the time and it is known to be the largest residence constructed of limestone in the Portland area. The carriage house contrasts to similar buildings in the City of Kingston. Together, the stone house and the carriage house are good examples of the influence of the Georgian style on vernacular residential buildings of the late 19th century.

The Stewart House has contextual value for its contribution to the heritage character of this established residential street. It is noteworthy because of its architectural style and status. It also has contextual value as part of an intact, historic neighborhood constructed around the nineteenth century. Surrounded by houses of similar age, construction method and style, it forms part of a historic landscape and maintains the character of the neighborhood.

### **Cultural Heritage Attributes**

To ensure that the cultural heritage value of this property is conserved, certain heritage attributes that contribute to its value have been identified. The heritage attributes of the property at 3981 Harrowsmith Road are:

- Two-storey limestone Georgian influenced residence depicting incredible stonework for the main house and carriage house
- Fenestration including: windows and transoms
- Exterior Doors
- Entrances with Transoms
- View from Harrowsmith Road
- The soffit and fascia
- Attic Trusses and Framework