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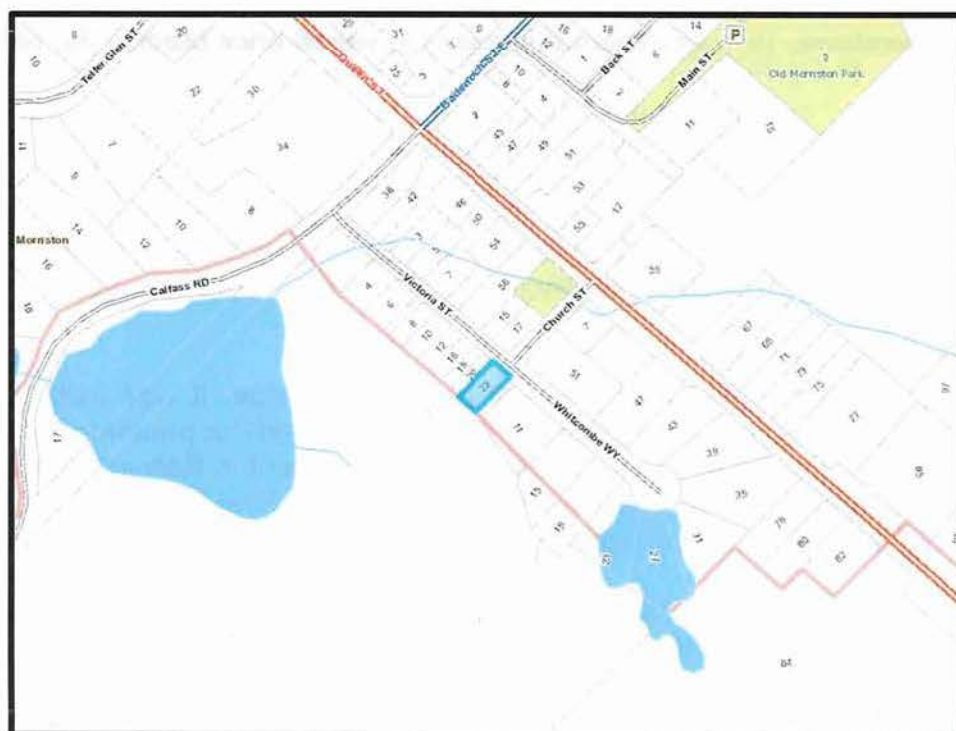


## THE TOWNSHIP OF PUSLINCH NOTICE OF INTENTION TO DESIGNATE 22 Victoria Street, Morriston

**TAKE NOTICE** that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Puslinch intends to designate 22 Victoria Street, Morriston, 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. as authorized by Township of Puslinch Council through Resolution No. 2023-392.

### Description of the Property

The subject property is described as being PLAN 135 Lot 47, municipally known as 22 Victoria Street.



(Key Map Showing Location of 22 Victoria Street)

### Short Statement of Cultural Heritage Value or Interest:

The property located at 22 Victoria Street, Morriston, retains significant cultural heritage value to the religious and cultural history of this area of the Township. The value is retained in the 1856-1880 church building on site. It was built by German immigrant families who comprised the earliest European settlers in the Morriston area. The church is the only Evangelical German (Kirche Evangelische Gemeinschaft) church within the Township, and is still active as the Morriston United Church. The property's architectural value lies in the church's unique Gothic and buttressed bichrome brick construction, made from local brickworks. The church is a physical and cultural landmark in the Village of

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Morrison and is a symbol of the Germanic settlement of the area. The property meets the requirements for designation prescribed by the Province of Ontario under the three categories of design/physical value, historical/associative value, and contextual value. The property is listed on the Township of Puslinch Municipal Heritage Register and has received a plaque from the Township's Heritage Committee for its cultural heritage value.

*Design Value:*

The property's architectural value lies in the locally designed and built church on site that displays architectural elements unique in Puslinch Township, including buttresses on exterior walls. This 1856 red brick front-gabled Gothic church building was enlarged and renovated in 1880 with Italianate details. The older brickwork is in Flemish bond while the 1880 front facade is in common bond. The building has large lancet windows: four on each side wall, and two on the front facade. The side windows are topped with yellow brick voussoirs and bichrome brick stops. Red brick buttresses with yellow brick corbels frame these windows. Two prominent buttresses in yellow brick bracket the entrance on the front facade. These buttresses have cut stone corbels. Under the front gable is a small gothic window and below that an arched date stone with "Kirche der Evangelischen Gemeinschaft, A. D. 1880" inscribed in mortar. Yellow brick trim highlights the quoins, window voussoirs, and entrance transom. Voussoirs on the front facade have moulded keystones. The eave features Italianate "C" curve brackets with finials along its front and side facades. Stained glass was installed at the time of the 1880 renovation in all the windows and the transom that reads "Evangelical United Brethren Church".

*Historical/ Associative Value:*

This property has significant historical and associative value. It was built by German immigrants on land owned by Johannes Calfass, and served the predominantly German population in the Morrison area as a religious and social centre. Religious services were provided in the German language up until the time of the First World War. The church continues to serve the Morrison community.

The church is the second building of the German Evangelical Church in Morrison. After several years of meeting in homes, especially on the Calfas' farm, a log church, The Evangelical German Chapel, was built on the west side of Brock Road in the middle of the village block. In the mid 1850s, the log church was taken down, and the present brick church was erected in 1856.

In 1865, a frame parsonage was built on the rear of the church in order for the minister to reside. In 1894, the brick manse was erected next to the church, with the first resident being Rev. Sauer in 1895. The basement was built during the pastorate of Rev. Dorsch (1948-1951), and would be used for Sunday school and a kitchen. The contractor of the basement is attributed to John Winer.

*Contextual Value:*

The church is situated in the Village of Morrison, settled by German immigrants in the 1830s. Built on land owned by Johannes Calfas, a road was constructed up to the church from Queen Street and named "Church Street." The property is surrounded by several



original residences of German settlers, including the Winer, Calfas, and the Morlock families, who were the first settlers in the area. Additionally, other German settler houses, owned by the Kistenmacher, Schlegel, and the Leitch/Wurtz families, are located on the same street. The church is also physically connected to its surroundings as the bricks used to build the property were manufactured at the Morriston brickyards. The residence next to the church was built as the church manse in 1894. Consequently, the Morriston Church is contextually significant and serves as a landmark in the village.

### **Description of Heritage Attributes**

The following are to be considered as heritage attributes to be protected by a heritage designation by-law for 22 Victoria St:

- Height, scale, and form of 1880 building
- Bichromatic brickwork: red brick walls with yellow trim
- Brick buttresses on side walls with yellow corbels
- Front facade buttresses with stone corbels
- Stone sills
- Lancet windows
- Transom window
- Yellow brick voussoirs and stops
- Moulded keystones in front facade voussoirs
- Stained glass
- Eave and "C" brackets
- Datestone

### **Notice of Objection**

Any person may send a notice of objection to this proposed designation, before 4:00 p.m. on February 9, 2024. The Township is providing a six-week commenting period due to the holiday season. This notice must be sent by registered mail or delivered to the Clerk of the Township of Puslinch, and must set out the reason for the objection and all relevant facts. If a notice of objection is received, the Council of the Township of Puslinch 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 bylaw which is followed by a 30-day appeal period when appeals of the bylaw may be given to the Ontario Land Tribunal for a hearing and decision.

Dated December 14, 2023

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