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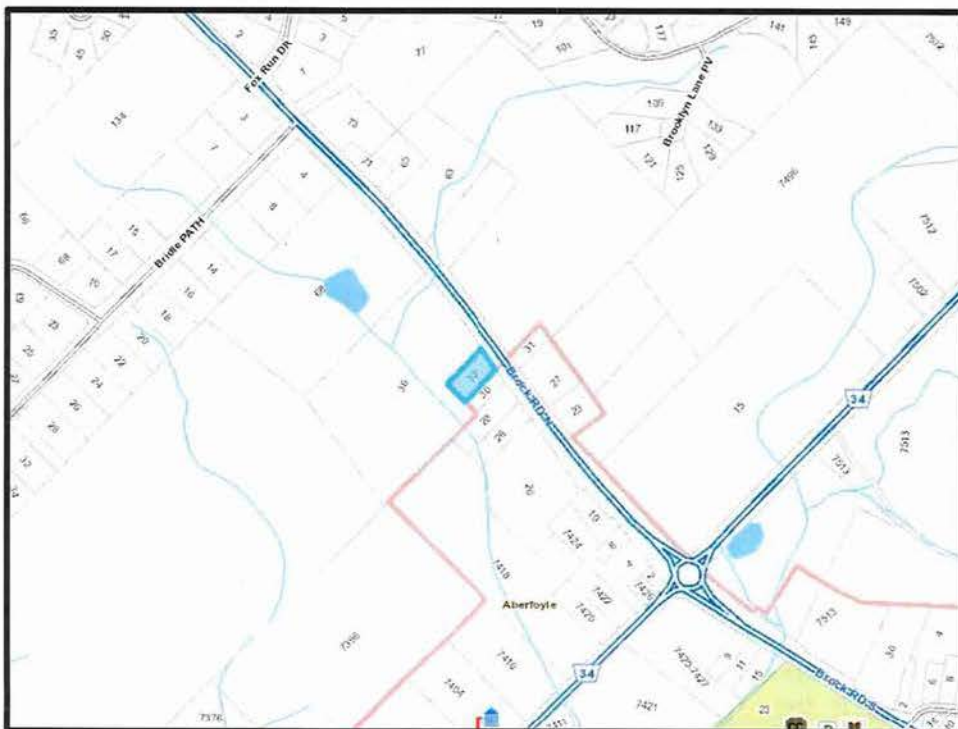


THE TOWNSHIP OF PUSLINCH NOTICE OF INTENTION TO DESIGNATE 32 Brock Road North, Puslinch

TAKE NOTICE that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Puslinch intends to designate 32 Brock Road North, Puslinch, 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 Rear Concession 7 Part Lot 19, municipally known as 32 Brock Road North.



(Key Map Showing Location of 32 Brock Rd N)

Short Statement of Cultural Heritage Value or Interest

The property, the former School Section #4, located at 32 Brock Rd N, Puslinch, possesses significant cultural heritage value due to its association with the educational and social history of Township of Puslinch and the Aberfoyle area. This value is retained in the 1872 stone schoolhouse on the site. This building represents the efforts of the board of School Section 1 to provide free public elementary education to the local community. The schoolhouse was constructed in 1872 using building plans published by the Ontario Department of Education in the mid-nineteenth century as a guide. The property's architectural value lies in the exceptional craftsmanship attributed to local contractor,

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Robert Little. Many of the architectural elements present here are unique in the Township. The schoolhouse's strategic placement in an area where numerous Aberfoyle and area families attended adds to its historical importance. Given its pivotal role in the history of Puslinch, and growing urban development along Brock Road the property and its schoolhouse hold the status of an historical and geographic landmark. 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:

Constructed according to mid-nineteenth century Ontario Department of Education building plans, the building features elements representative of mid-nineteenth century Ontario schoolhouse design: front gable roof, single-storey rectangular form, window fenestrations on the side walls and a front facade with two entrances: one for girls and one for boys. This property showcases an outstanding and distinctive example of architectural interpretation of these plans and local stone masonry, combining Gothic and Italianate detailing. The contractor for the structure was Robert Little. Notable design features include the exterior walls cut from granite and amphibolite stone in coursed "Aberdeen bond." The schoolhouse is fitted with original large Romanesque sash windows on the side walls furnished with Gothic rectangular wood tracery muntins. A singular large Romanesque window is on the front façade. These windows feature intricate and distinctive limestone masonry in the large voussoirs, surrounds and sills. The front entrance maintains its original configuration, with separate doors for boys and girls, each equipped with Romanesque transoms and limestone voussoirs. An ocular datestone with a limestone surround under the front gable is inscribed "School Section 4 Puslinch 1872." The roof holds the schoolhouse's original belfry and bell.

Historical or Associative Value:

As Puslinch was settled, it was divided into twelve school sections (SS). The residents of each section built their own school, which not only represented and defined the geographic community but also became a centre for community activities.

This stone schoolhouse built in 1872 by Robert Little was the third incarnation of the School Section #4 succeeding a log structure (1832) and a frame building (1846). The schoolhouse's strategic placement in an area where numerous Aberfoyle and area families attended adds to its historical importance. The property served as an elementary school and social centre for the Aberfoyle school community from 1872 until 1959 when the new Aberfoyle School was established.

Contextual Value:

The property is emblematic of this once thriving village of Aberfoyle. It is surrounded by several other heritage properties along Brock Road in the Aberfoyle area. These

residences, including the George McLean, John Hammersley, and Peter McLaren houses, among many others, played a significant role in shaping and establishing this part of Puslinch. The property is also in close proximity to the Aberfoyle Mill and Aberfoyle blacksmith and wagon shop, industrial heritage properties demonstrating the importance of the property's location as a hub of industry and services. The property holds the status of a landmark due to its architectural excellence and rich and complex history within the Township. Over the years, it has served numerous generations and families, playing crucial roles in both education and commercial activities.

Description of Heritage Attributes

The following are to be considered as heritage attributes to be protected by a heritage designation by-law for 32 Brock Road North:

- Height, scale, and massing of original schoolhouse building
- Stone exterior walls in Aberdeen bond
- Romanesque door and window fenestration
- Gothic tracery windows with wood muntins
- Limestone voussoirs, sills and trim on all fenestration
- Date stone
- Belfry and bell

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.

December 14, 2013

Justine Brotherston,
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Township of Puslinch
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CC: Property Owner
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