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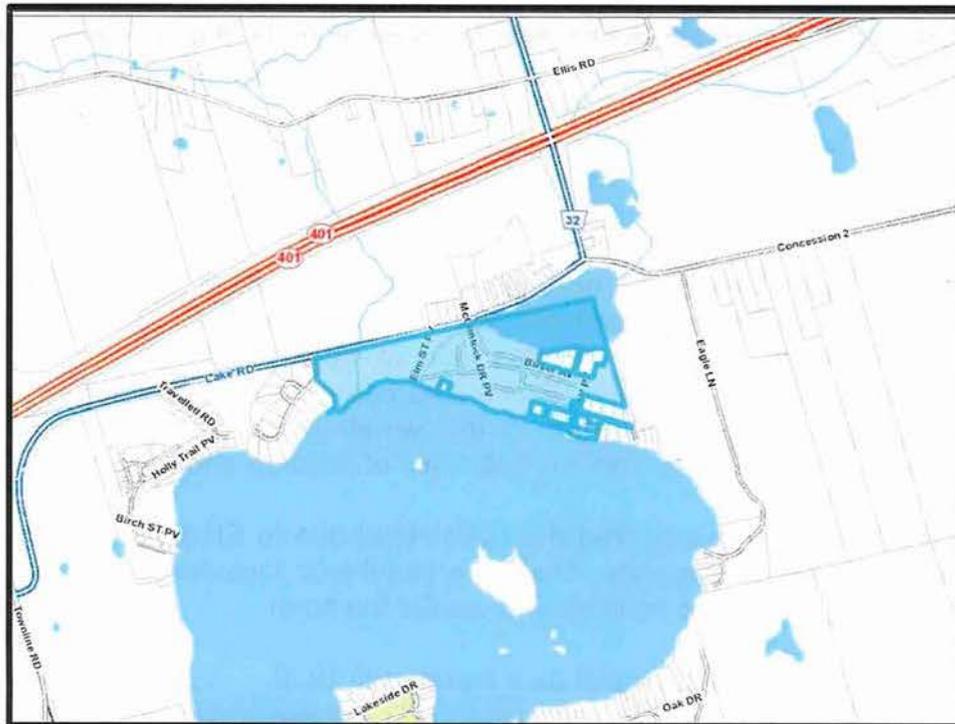


THE TOWNSHIP OF PUSLINCH NOTICE OF INTENTION TO DESIGNATE 43 McClintock Dr, Puslinch

TAKE NOTICE that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Puslinch intends to designate 43 McClintock Drive as a property of cultural heritage value or interest under section 29, Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act, R.S.O. 1990, Chapter 0.18. 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 1 Lot 4, municipally known as 43 McClintock Drive.



(Key Map Showing Location of 43 McClintock Drive)

Short Statement of Cultural Heritage Value or Interest

The property located at 43 McClintock Dr, Puslinch, has cultural heritage value associated with the history of the commercial and hospitality industry in and around Puslinch Lake. This value is retained in the former 1880 frame Puslinch Lake Hotel on the property. It is the last remaining nineteenth century hotel building on Puslinch Lake. The property is also associated with George Sleeman of Guelph who owned the hotel and was instrumental in the hotel's successful operation from the 1880s until the 1910s. Although no longer operating as such, the hotel served thousands seeking recreation at Puslinch Lake. As the last remaining hotel on the only natural lake in the region, it is regarded as

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a 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:

The property includes a rare extant 1880 two-storey framed hotel building with an "L" shaped floor plan. Notable features that can be found on the building include sash style windows throughout, and a hipped roof. A double hung verandah runs across the front façade under the hipped roof. The entrance is located beneath the verandah. Much of the building remains in its original state, with the only recent addition being the framed entrance to the office building adjacent to the former hotel's entrance.

Historical/Associative Value:

Puslinch Lake was a popular destination for recreation in the nineteenth and early twentieth centuries. The property, located at Lot 4, Rear Concession 1, was originally owned by Thomas Frame. In 1841, Frame built one of the first hotels in Puslinch Lake on this lot. In 1879 the hotel caught fire and Frame subsequently sold the lot to George Martin, who erected the present hotel structure in 1880. By 1883, the property was purchased by George Sleeman of Guelph and his partner John Davidson.

George Sleeman was a brewer, entrepreneur and politician and installed a fifty passenger steamboat called "The City of Guelph" to carry passengers to and from his hotel to St. Helen's Island in Puslinch Lake. He was able to attract and influence a variety of patrons to visit and stay at his hotel. Those who came to the Lake Hotel ranged from factory workers through shopkeepers to the wealthy and affluent of not only the Wellington and Waterloo County regions but those of Toronto and London.

In 1907, the City of Guelph acquired the Lake Hotel due to Sleeman's financial failure with the Guelph Railway Company. The Lake Hotel was included in the assets of the company, so when it went into receivership, so did the hotel.

The City of Guelph operated the hotel as a resort until 1930.

Contextual Value:

The property maintains the unique character of its surroundings as it stands as the sole remaining hotel of several that once served visitors to Puslinch Lake. This hotel serves as a poignant reflection of the area's appearance during the 19th and early 20th century, and a reminder of the role of Puslinch Lake as a leisure destination for Wellington County during this time. As a result, the property's hotel and land have earned the status of a landmark, symbolizing its enduring relationship with not only many Puslinch and Guelph families over generation, but those from different surrounding areas as well. Throughout the years, it has played a pivotal role in providing a range of services and hosting a variety of activities for the residents.

Description of Heritage Attributes

The following are to be considered as heritage attributes to be protected by a heritage designation by-law for 43 McClintock Drive:

- Height, scale, and massing of original two storey building
- Frame construction
- Double hung veranda
- Hipped roof
- Original fenestration
- Extant original doors and windows

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

Justine Brotherston,
Interim Municipal Clerk
Township of Puslinch
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CC: Property Owner
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