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THE TOWNSHIP OF PUSLINCH NOTICE OF INTENTION TO DEISGNATE 84 Queen Street, Morriston

TAKE NOTICE that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Puslinch intends to designate 84 Queen 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 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 7 Part Lot 32, municipally known as 84 Queen Street.



(Key Map Showing Location of 84 Queen Street)

Short Statement of Cultural Heritage Value or Interest

The property situated at 84 Queen St, Morriston, holds significant cultural heritage value due to its historical connection with the Morlock family; one of the three founding families of the village of Morriston. This value is retained in the 1882 stone residence on the property that was built by Christian Morlock, the son of the family's pioneer settler, John Christian Morlock. The property's noteworthy architecture shows outstanding local craftsmanship. Moreover, the property stands beside several adjacent Morlock houses,

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collectively forming a distinctive and noteworthy section of the Township. 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 features an exceptionally well-crafted one-and-a-half-storey stone Victorian villa-style residence, built in 1884 by local stonemason Otto Rappolt. This villa architecture is representative of a type with few examples found in Puslinch Township, and none with this level of craftsmanship. The residence form is a T-plan: a side gabled entrance wing meets a front gabled wing at right angles. The entrance wing faces Brock Road. A veranda joins the two wings of the house and covers the main entrance.

The residence is built in random coursed ashlar limestone. The upper story has a Gothic sash dormer window above the entrance wing and a matching window on the front-gabled wing. Elegant, pentagonal cut-stone voussoirs over these windows have grapevine motifs in the keystones. The dormer keystone is an 1882 datestone, while the motif on the other Gothic window is floral. These motifs were crafted in mortar and stone by another Morriston stonemason, Herbert Leitch. The Gothic window gables are trimmed with decorative bargeboards in a fleur de lis pattern with an ornate fleur de lis gable drop at each peak. The first floor has original sash-style windows. All windows have original shutters. The veranda runs the full length of the front entranceway. This entranceway has a single door with a transom that would have led into a kitchen, and another single side door with transom leading into the wing. The veranda features extensive decorative woodwork: a spooled spandrel with pierced edging supported by turned and moulded posts with horizontal fan brackets and vertical scroll brackets. The architecture and decorative detailing is carefully preserved, and highlights the property's outstanding craftsmanship and attention to detail on this farm property.

Historical/Associative Value:

The property, situated at Lot 32, Rear Concession 7, was originally owned and settled by John Morlock and his family, one of the three founding families of Morriston. Over time, several Morlock houses were constructed on this Lot. The Morlocks came to the area from Germany in 1832 in company with the Calfas family. Together with the Winer family, they created a settlement of continental Germans and established the local German Evangelical church. The present residence, named "Stoneleigh," was erected by John's son, Christian, in 1882, with Otto Rappolt, his son-in-law, as the appointed stonemason.

Contextual Value:

84 Queen Street forms part of a streetscape of four adjacent Morlock family homes built between 1854 and 1910 on the original lot settled by John Christian Morlock. This extant built heritage family streetscape is unique to the Township. It is positioned between Lots 31 and 33 of the other two founding families. The intact Paul Winer family homestead is

to the south on Lot 33 and the remains of the Johannes Calfas family residence and homestead are to the north on Lot 31.

Description of Heritage Attributes

The following are to be considered as heritage attributes to be protected by a heritage designation by-law for 84 Queen St:

Christian Morlock House:

- Height, scale, and form of the original one and a half storey house
- Ashlar stone exterior walls
- Fenestration on front and side facades
- Original exterior doors and windows
- Pentagonal cut-stone voussoirs with carved grapevine motifs
- Stone sills
- Datestone
- Bargeboards in fleur de lis pattern
- Verandah and spool spandrel, carved posts and fan and scroll brackets

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.

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CC: Property Owner Ontario Heritage Trust

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