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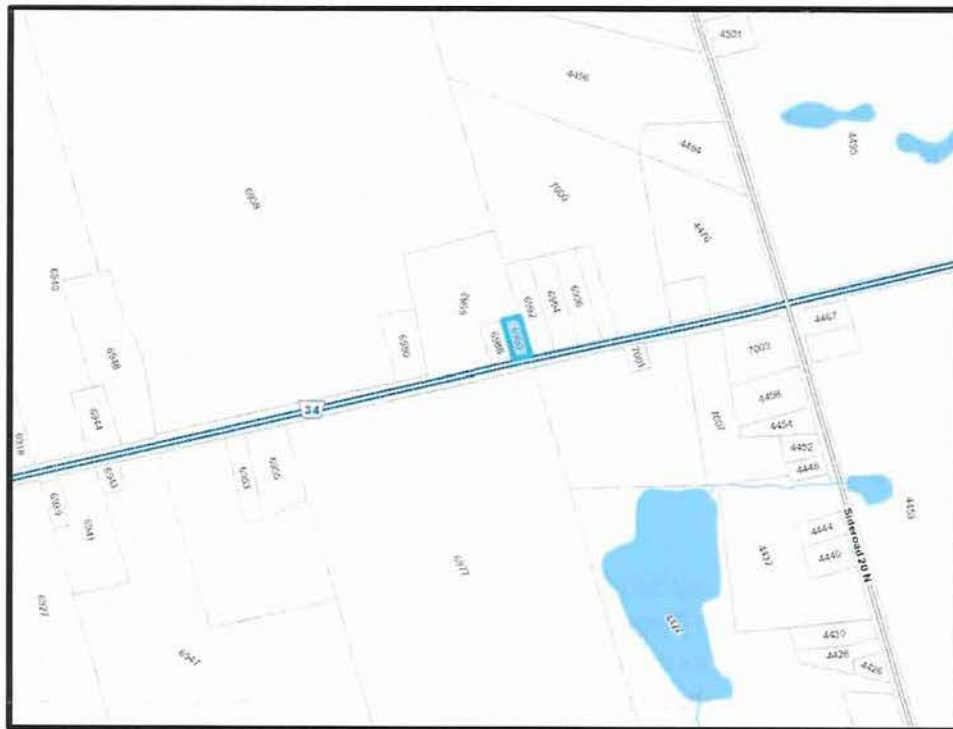


THE TOWNSHIP OF PUSLINCH NOTICE OF INTENTION TO DESIGNATE 6990 Wellington Rd 34

TAKE NOTICE that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Puslinch intends to designate 6990 Wellington Rd 34 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 Front Concession 3 Part Lot 19, municipally known as 6990 Wellington Rd 34.



(Key Map Showing Location of 6990 Wellington Rd 34)

Short Statement of Cultural Heritage Value or Interest

The property located at 6990 Wellington Rd 34, Puslinch, has cultural heritage value due to its association with the Township's education history, as the property contains a schoolhouse that would serve as a new section of the Township known as School Section 3. The schoolhouse is typical in its construction, but was heavily altered throughout its history. Given its importance as a schoolhouse, the property is considered a landmark due to its importance to many generations and families. The property meets the requirements for designation prescribed by the Province of Ontario

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as it satisfies at least two of the nine criteria for determining cultural heritage value or interest under Ontario Regulation 9/06 (as amended by O. Reg. 569/22) under the Ontario Heritage Act.

Design Value

The property features a representative example of a one-and-a-half-story schoolhouse. A concrete block addition was made to the front, which served as school washrooms, significantly altering its heritage value. However, it was sympathetically covered by wood siding. The original schoolhouse retains its original fieldstone exterior wall, adorned with large quoins, maintaining its historical integrity. The end-gabled roof still contains its original belfry. The windows are of the 6 over 6 paned sash style, fitted with soldier lintels, which is characteristic of the period in which it was constructed. The entrance was relocated to the east side of the property when the building transitioned into a private residence.

Historical/Associative Value

The property, situated on Part Lot 19, Front Concession, was originally owned by Alexander McKay, who generously donated the southeast corner of his farm for the school. As Puslinch was settled, it was divided into twelve school sections (SS). This schoolhouse represented School Section #5, initially starting with a log school building. However, in 1868, the current stone schoolhouse was erected to replace the log structure.

From the time of its opening until around 1965, the school was actively used by students until the Aberfoyle School was established. At that point, all twelve School Section students were consolidated at the new school, leading to the closure of this historic schoolhouse.

Contextual Value

The property is surrounded by several other heritage properties, collectively known as "The Third" in the Township. These residences, including John McCormick, Peter Stewart, Donald Cameron houses, among many others, are of Scottish origin and played a significant role in shaping and establishing the western part of Puslinch. Moreover, the schoolhouse's strong connection to its surroundings is evident in the fact that the stone used for its construction came from Mrs. S. Wilkinson's property. Furthermore, the property holds the status of a landmark due to its rich and complex history within the Township. Over the years, it has served numerous generations and families, playing crucial roles in both education and religious activities.

Description of Heritage Attributes

The following are to be considered as heritage attributes to be protected by a heritage designation by-law for 6690 Wellington RD 34:

School House #5

- Exterior fieldstone façade
- One-room, single story schoolhouse footprint
- Height, scale and rectangular massing of the original 1868 single room schoolhouse
- Gabled roof
- Vertical limestone trim around windows
- Belfry with bell
- Roof similar to original cedar shake material
- Original wood shed on the property (now a workshop)

It is intended that non-original features may be returned to document earlier designs or to their document original without requiring Council to amend the designating by-law.

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
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CC: Property Owner
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