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THE TOWNSHIP OF PUSLINCH NOTICE OF INTENTION TO DESIGNATE 6 Victoria St, Puslinch

TAKE NOTICE that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Puslinch intends to designate at 6 Victoria St, 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. 2024-336.

Description of the Property

The subject property is described as being Plan 135 Lot 38 Lot 39 W/S; Victoria St, municipally known as at 6 Victoria St, Puslinch.



(Key Map Showing Location of 6 Victoria St, Puslinch)

Short Statement of Cultural Heritage Value or Interest

The property located at 6 Victoria Street, Morriston, meets the requirements for designation prescribed by the Province Ontario under the three categories of design/physical value, historical/associative value, and contextual value.

The property located at 6 Victoria Street, Morriston has significant design value due to its distinctive architecture and intricate design elements. The property also retains significant historical value due to its association with Herbert Leitch and August Wurtz who were active members of the local German community. Contextually, the property has significance in its location on an intact 19th century streetscape of properties built by German immigrants who settled the village of Morriston.

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Design Value:

Unique to Puslinch Township, this property is an exceptional example of a triple-gabled, straight coursed fieldstone residence of one-and-a-half storeys. This design is distinctly Victorian. Significant elements of this style include the cross-gabled roof with twin peaked front-gabled bays, each with a matching gothic arched window centred below. These windows have cut limestone voussoirs. Between these gables is a central gabled and recessed entrance way, fitted with a transom and sidelights. Above the entrance is a small arched window with carved limestone hood mould with central keystone. The exterior walls are limestone, fieldstone and dolomite courses with lime taping. Quoins, lintels, and some voussoirs are whirlpool sandstone.

Historical /Associative:

The property, located on Lots 38-39, PLAN 131, was initially owned by Charles Calfas. The present structure is a renovation of a cottage built by stonemason Herbert Leitch, a German-born resident of Morriston, in 1885. In 1890, the property was purchased by August Wurtz, another German immigrant for a sum of \$350. Wurtz took on renovations that may have been done by Leitch and transformed the property into a triple-gabled architectural form. When the Puslinch Heritage Committee initiated their plaquing program for historical properties in 2000, they selected the facade of the Leitch/Wurtz house as the program's logo because of its unique and picturesque design.

Contextual Value:

The property forms an integral part of a streetscape that holds strong connections to the German settlement in the Morriston area. In close proximity to the Leitch/Wurtz house, one can find other significant residences, such as the Morlock, Calfas, and Winer houses. These three families, considered the founding families of Morriston, further underline the historical importance of the area. The property is one of several on Victoria Street built by German immigrants. Moreover, the property's proximity to the German Evangelical church demonstrates the preferred settlement location for subsequent German migrants arriving in Morriston after the 1850s.

Description of Heritage Attributes

The following are to be considered as heritage attributes to be protected by a heritage designation by-law for 6 Victoria Street:

- Original triple-peaked front gabled form and mass
- Original window and door fenestration
- Recessed front entry
- Fieldstone, dolomite, and limestone exterior front and side walls
- Limestone voussoirs, lintels, quoins, and hood mould

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 November 16, 2024. 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 October 17, 2024

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