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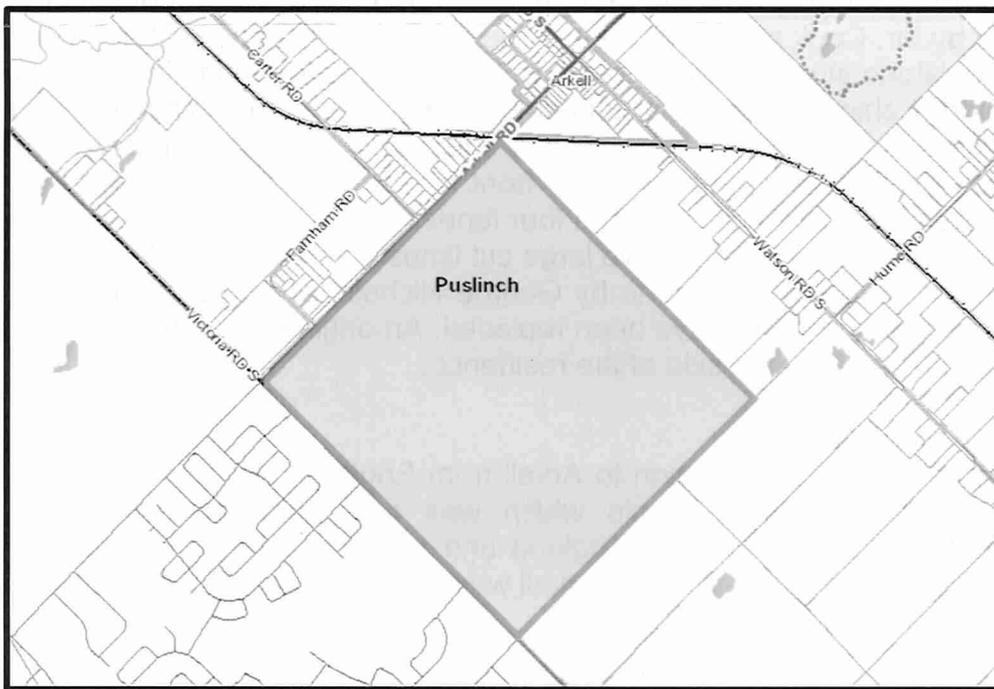


## THE TOWNSHIP OF PUSLINCH NOTICE OF INTENTION TO DESIGNATE 483 Arkell Rd, Puslinch

**TAKE NOTICE** that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Puslinch intends to designate at 483 Arkell Rd, 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 Concession 9 Part Lots 7, 8, 9, and 10, municipally known as at 483 Arkell Rd, Puslinch.



(Key Map Showing Location of 483 Arkell Rd, Puslinch)

### Short Statement of Cultural Heritage Value or Interest

The property situated at 483 Arkell Road, Puslinch, 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 holds significant cultural heritage value in its outstanding architecture, in its primary role in the settlement and development of Farnham and Arkell Villages and in its role in the advancement of agriculture in Puslinch, nationally and internationally. It is intrinsically connected to the heritage landscape of the Arkell area. The property remains a symbol and landmark for the Village of Arkell.

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*Design Value:*

The English-style Georgian cut and dressed stone residence on this property was built by Thomas Arkell in 1852 and is regarded as the "finest example of English architecture in Canada." (Jean Hutchinson: History of Wellington County.) The exterior architectural integrity has been maintained.

Thomas Arkell drew up the plans for the building of an English manor house based on the Georgian-style architecture in his native England. This residence was intended to be the manor farmhouse for a model village designed by Thomas Arkell and named "Farnham." He cut the lumber for the building, allowing it to dry for five years in preparation for the new residence. Construction of the building, known as "Stonehaven," commenced in 1849.

Thomas enlisted the expertise of stonemason George Batterson, who came from England to oversee the quarrying from the property and cut and dress the stone. Carpentry was completed by Mr. Cook and Mr. Roberts. The finished two-and-a-half-storey side-gabled coursed fieldstone structure with 5 bays on the rear facade retains its original end-gable double interior chimneys, original fenestration with a central entrance on the ground storey with transom and side-lights. A belt course of cut stone separates the first and second storeys. The fenestration on the front facade is not symmetrical; three window fenestrations on the second storey and four fenestrations including a central doorway on the first storey. All fenestrations have large cut limestone lintels, and ledges on windows. The residence hardware was done by George Nichols, a local blacksmith. Original six over six mullioned windows have been replaced. An original or early single storey stone shed is attached to the east side of the residence.

*Historical/ Associative Value:*

Thomas Arkell initiated emigration to Arkell from England, and in so doing, created an English community in a township which was predominantly Scots and German. He imported breeding stock from England and became a major breeder of Cotswold sheep and Shorthorn cattle. Thomas Arkell was also the local magistrate. He built both a sawmill and wool mill on the property.

His son Henry Arkell continued this practice at the farm and became a major breeder of Oxford Down sheep in North America. He was a Director of the Dominion Sheep Breeders' Association and a Director of the American Oxford Down Association for ten years.

In 1955, the Ontario Agriculture College (O.A.C.) acquired the property, including Stonehaven, and continues to practice livestock breeding and research activities on the property.

*Contextual Value:*

Stonehaven holds contextual value in its juxtaposition to the surrounding properties that were surveyed by David Gibson as lots for Thomas Arkell's Farnham village design. Across from the property lies the Farnham village green, and the Farnham cemetery, part of the 1845 Anglican church property (church building since demolished), and where the

Arkell family is buried. Stonehaven serves as a landmark on Arkell Road leading to the Village of Arkell, both named after Thomas Arkell.

### **Description of Heritage Attributes**

The following are to be considered as heritage attributes to be protected by a heritage designation by-law for 483 Arkell Rd:

- Original fenestration
- Cut and dressed stonework walls
- Stone twin interior chimneys
- Stone lintels and ledges
- Original hardware
- Height, scale and massing of the two-and-a-half-storey property

### **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,  
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Township of Puslinch  
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CC: Property Owner  
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