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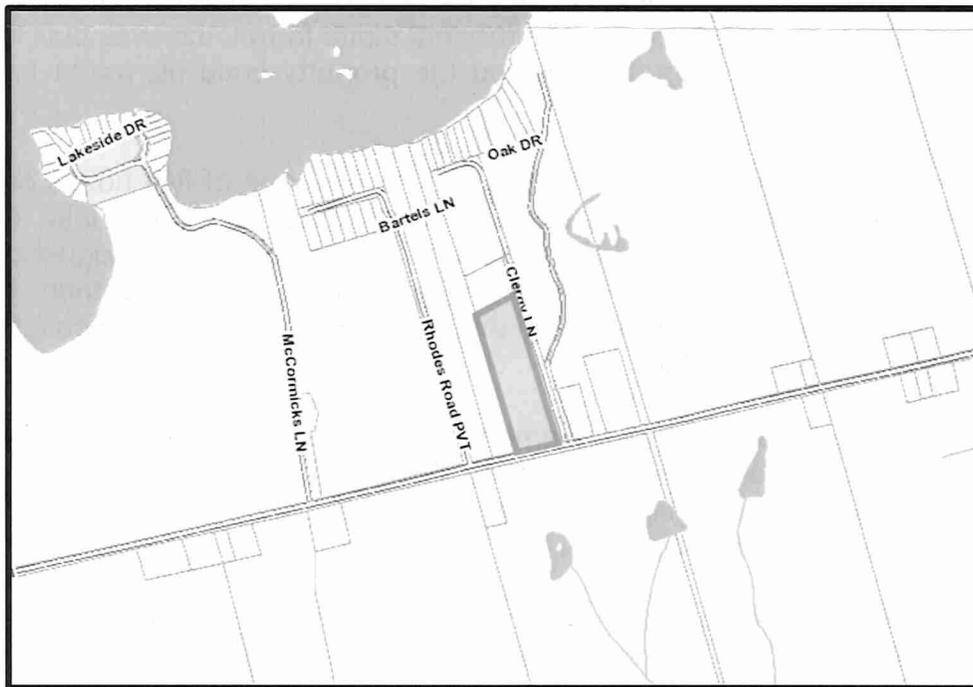


THE TOWNSHIP OF PUSLINCH NOTICE OF INTENTION TO DESIGNATE 6592 Concession 1, Puslinch

TAKE NOTICE that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Puslinch intends to designate at 6592 Concession 1, 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 1 Part Lot 5 RP;61R20848 Part 1, municipally known as at 6592 Concession 1, Puslinch.



(Key Map Showing Location of 6592 Concession 1, Puslinch)

Short Statement of Cultural Heritage Value or Interest

The property located at 6592 Concession 1, Puslinch, meets the requirements for designation prescribed by the Province of Ontario under the three categories of design value, historical/associative value, and contextual value. The property retains cultural heritage value due to its vernacular fieldstone form, its historical association with nineteenth century hostelry on Puslinch Lake, and its role in the social life of the Killean community. It also has a historical connection to the founding of the Black Baptist Church in nearby Galt. Contextually, it is the last remaining in-situ domicile of nineteenth century innkeepers on Puslinch Lake.

Design Value:

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The property is a vernacular random coursed fieldstone residence built by Puslinch Lake innkeeper Frederick Begerow after 1861. The original cross-gabled farmhouse is one-and-a-half stories and features fieldstone exterior walls with a rubblestone foundation. The property differs significantly from other stone residences built in the same period in the Township which usually maintain a symmetrical side-gabled form. The presence of two separate front entry doors with different interior floor levels suggests the structure was built in two stages and may have a precedent in German architecture. Multiple additions in the 20th and 21st centuries have altered some of the exterior facades.

Historical/ Associative Value:

The property was occupied until c. 1850 by James Thompson, a Black preacher and barber who lived in a log house on the lot. He founded the first Black Baptist Church in nearby Galt. German immigrant Frederick Begerow purchased the property in 1855. He built and operated the Highland Chief Inn and tavern on the property at the extreme south-east corner of Puslinch Lake. The 1861 census enumerated him as a tavern-keeper and farmer operating out of a log building. The present stone farmhouse was built in the early 1860's. His youngest son, August, occupied the property once his father had passed away.

During the summer months, the Highland Chief Inn was one of five hotels on Puslinch Lake that hunters, fishers, and vacationers would stay at, as the lake offered an abundance of game to be caught, as well as ample room for leisure. August considered the location one of the healthiest summer resorts within Western Ontario. Begerow's name for his inn "Highland Chief" reflected the predominantly Highland Scots community in which he and his family settled.

The Begerow's also provided entertainment on their property while they lived there, owning a log tavern at the front of the property. August was an avid accordion player and could be seen playing alongside Archibald Ramsay, William Young, and Anthony Robertson, who were all local violinists.

Present owner [REDACTED] notes that in 1977 an elderly neighbour recalled attending dances in the stone house. Temporary supports would be propped up under the beams in the cellar to support the dances.

Contextual Value:

The farmhouse is the only extant residential property connected to the once thriving hostelry industry on Puslinch Lake.

Description of Heritage Attributes

The following are to be considered as heritage attributes to be protected by a heritage designation by-law for 6592 Concession 1:

- Original stone exterior walls.
- Original/extant fenestration.
- Height, scale and massing of the original one and one half-storey structure.

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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