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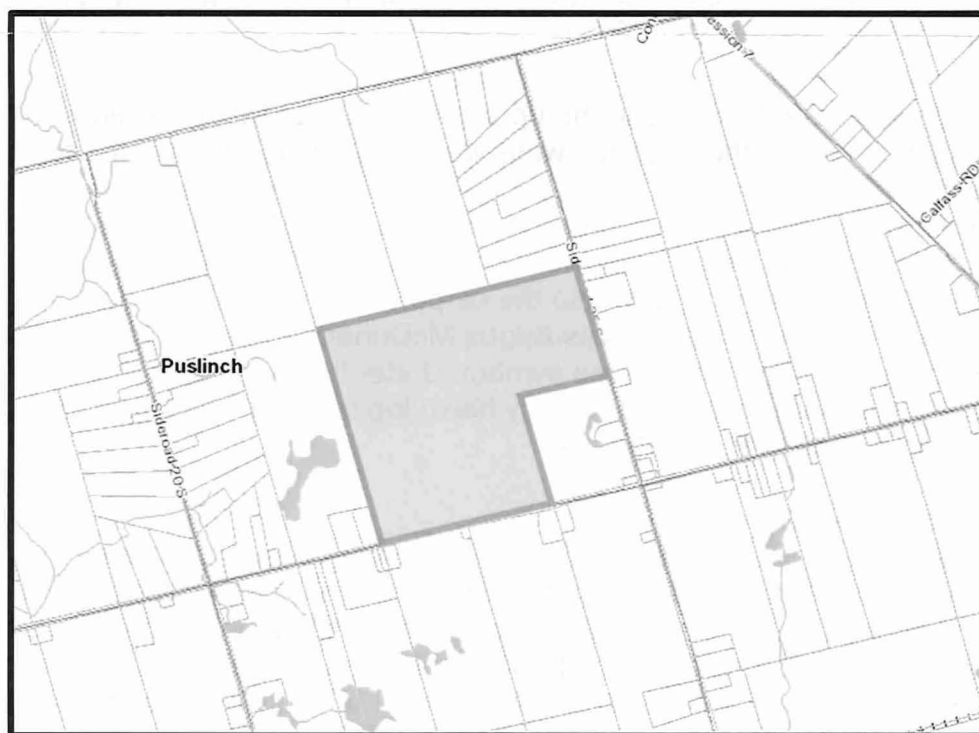


THE TOWNSHIP OF PUSLINCH NOTICE OF INTENTION TO DESIGNATE 7098 Concession 1, Puslinch

TAKE NOTICE that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Puslinch intends to designate at 7098 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 Front Part Lot 25 Lot 24; Lot 23, municipally known as at 7098 Concession 1, Puslinch.



(Key Map Showing Location of 7098 Concession 1, Puslinch)

Short Statement of Cultural Heritage Value or Interest

The property situated at 7098 Concession 1, 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 retains significant design value due to its rarity; it is one of the few remaining log houses in the Township, and one of the few early properties with a record of the carpenter and stonemason who constructed it. The property is historically associated with Highland Scots settlement in the Killeen and Crieff area of Puslinch

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Township, and also with John Bayne Maclean and his endowment of this property to the Presbyterian Church of Canada.

The property is contextually associated with the other properties of cultural heritage significance on Concession 1 including those properties that were once part of MacLean's model farm "Crieff Hills" and are now part of the Crieff Hills Retreat Centre.

Design Value:

Log cabins and log house residences were the predominant residential architecture in Puslinch Township from the earliest European settlement in the 1820s until the latter part of the nineteenth century. Their design illustrates the function of environment, technology and community effort on vernacular architecture in the settlement period. Despite their ubiquitousness in the mid-1800s, very few of these architectural forms have survived. The property at 7098 Concession 1 is a rare example of a c.1845 one-and-one-half storey side-gabled log house constructed of large horizontal hewn pine logs laid with dovetailed corners and plaster chinking. A central entrance door has single windows on either side. The rear wall has two small windows on the first floor. Original window fenestrations are in the upper storey under the gable ends. All these fenestrations were cut in after the logs walls were assembled. Across the front facade is a roofed and timber supported open veranda with a stone floor. An original interior fireplace features a large cut stone firebox and fireplace surround, with separate stonework for the hearth, and a stonework chimney. The carpenter associated with this house was Peter Lamont, who was also the carpenter for the Ellis Chapel and the Alex Thomson house. The stonemason was Angus McDonald. Presently the east log facade has board siding bearing a large cross symbol. Under the ownership of John Bayne MacLean, a single-storey side-gabled early hewn log building with squared corners was added to the west side of the log house.

Historical/Associative Value:

The property has a strong connection to Highland Scots immigration from Argyllshire to the areas of Puslinch known as Crieff and Killeen. The house was constructed in 1845 for John Thomson, who immigrated from Kintyre, Argyllshire and settled on Concession 1 in the early 1840s. Peter Lamont, carpenter, played a pivotal role in hewing the pine logs to be used in its construction. Angus McDonald, a highly esteemed mason in the Township, contributed his expertise to the project. Thomson donated part of this lot to provide for a public school. The initial log building for School Section 6 was ultimately replaced in 1874 with a stone schoolhouse, presently repurposed as part of the Crieff Hills Retreat Centre.

Colonel John Bayne Maclean, the founder of Maclean's magazine, The Financial Post and Maclean-Hunter publishers was born in Crieff, where his father was the minister of the Knox Presbyterian Church. MacLean bought several lots of land and buildings in Crieff, including the former Thomson property to build a model farm called "Crieff Hills". When he died in 1950 he left 250 acres of this land to the Presbyterian Church of Canada. This property developed into Crieff Hills Retreat Centre.

Contextual Value:

The property is contextually associated with the other properties in the area settled by Argyllshire Scots, as well as other heritage properties, including the Crieff schoolhouse, that are now part of the Crieff Hills Retreat Centre owned by the Presbyterian Church of Canada.

Description of Heritage Attributes

The following are to be considered as heritage attributes to be protected by a heritage designation by-law for 7098 Concession 1.

John Thompson House:

- Hewn Log walls
- Height, scale and massing of the original one-and-a-half-storey structure
- Stone foundation
- Veranda roof support beams
- Original stone fireplace, hearth and chimney
- Extant original fenestration

Notice of Objection

Any person may send a notice of objection to this proposed designation, before 4:00 p.m. on November 16, 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 October 17, 2024

Justine Brotherston,
Municipal Clerk
Township of Puslinch
7404 Wellington Road 34, Puslinch, ON N0B 2J0

CC: Property Owner
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