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THE TOWNSHIP OF PUSLINCH NOTICE OF INTENTION TO DESIGNATE 7618 Leslie Rd W, Puslinch

TAKE NOTICE that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Puslinch intends to designate at 7618 Leslie Rd W, 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. 2024-336.

Description of the Property

The subject property is described as being Concession 8 Rear Part Lot;35, municipally known as at 7618 Leslie Rd W, Puslinch.



(Key Map Showing Location of 7618 Leslie Rd W, Puslinch)

Short Statement of Cultural Heritage Value or Interest

The property situated at 7618 Leslie Road West, 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 possesses significant cultural heritage value retained in its primarily Italianate fieldstone and limestone two-storey residence built in several stages between 1830-1880. The residence has elaborate Gibb design elements, unique within the Township. The property is associated with the Alexander and William Nicoll families and the significant political and military contributions they made to the Township and the

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County. Contextually, the property is associated with Puslinch village, a now extant hamlet.

Design Value:

The property is an outstanding example of Italianate architecture c. 1880 in cut limestone with elaborate Gibbs designed rusticated limestone blocks for quoins and surrounds on window and door fenestrations, and carved keystones in large stone lintels. The two-storey house showcases several features associated with the Italianate style, such as its "L" shaped- shaped form, and cross-gabled, roof with wide eaves and decorative scroll brackets, and double stone chimneys. The main wide entrance door has a transom and sidelights. Rectangular sash windows are paired on the upper storey and singular on the lower storey.

An apparently earlier wing of the residence has been covered with roughcast plaster. It may be the part of the residence built in 1860 as a one-story stone residence to replace an earlier log house. The latter was built by Andrew Stahl in the early 1830s from whom Alexander Nicoll and Mary Nicoll purchased 7618 Leslie Road after immigrating from Scotland in. They lived in this log house until Alexander Nicoll passed away in 1860. At that time the neighbouring Leslie family aided them in building a single-storey stone residence. About 1880 a second storey was added and the extensive Italianate two-storey addition was built.

Historical/Associative Value:

William Nichol (1845-1921) was a person with political and military significance to the Township and County of Wellington. He was fifteen in 1860 when his father died. Like his father, William Nicoll became active in Puslinch political life, serving as a Councillor (1869-1894) and Reeve (1882-1894) of the Township and Warden of Wellington County (1892). He also served in the local militia from 1861-1900 and was called up during the Fenian Raids. In 1895 he was made Lieutenant Colonel of the Field Artillery. Nicoll spent the remainder of his life in the farmhouse.

Contextual Value:

The property stands out as a distinctive residence within its neighbourhood of Scottish stone masonry properties that once belonged to the extant hamlet of Puslinch. The property provides a visible and notable locus of the area's culture and farming history. The size and outstanding architecture of the property makes it a landmark in the southeastern corner of the Township.

Description of Heritage Attributes

The following are to be considered as heritage attributes to be protected by a heritage designation by-law for 7618 Leslie Rd. W:

William Nicoll House:

- Limestone exterior walls
- Original/extant Gibbs detailing on quoins, door and window fenestration

- Roofline
- Form and massing of property
- Low Eaves with decorative scroll brackets
- Limestone Italianate chimneys

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
7404 Wellington Road 34, Puslinch, ON N0B 2J0

CC: Property Owner
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