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THE TOWNSHIP OF PUSLINCH NOTICE OF INTENTION TO DESIGNATE 7839 Wellington Rd 34, Puslinch

TAKE NOTICE that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Puslinch intends to designate at 7839 Wellington Rd 34, 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 10 Rear Part Lot 21 RP;61R5198 Part 1, municipally known as at 7839 Wellington Rd 34, Puslinch.



(Key Map Showing Location of 7839 Wellington Rd 34, Puslinch)

Short Statement of Cultural Heritage Value or Interest

The property situated at 7839 Wellington Road 34, 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 the early vernacular Neoclassic architecture rendered in large fieldstones and retained in the direct historical association with the early settlement of the Corwhin region by Highland Scots immigrants, including the Duncan Campbell family. Contextually the property is associated with both the Corwhin School and the extant Corwhin post/office store which was owned and operated by the Campbell family.

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Design Value:

The property serves as one of the earliest examples in Puslinch Township of a two-storey fieldstone residence designed in a vernacular Neoclassic style. Features of this architecture include the symmetrical three-bay façade, side-gabled roof, matching end gable interior stone chimneys, rectangular sash windows, and a centrally positioned door with a transom and sidelights. Above the entrance is a double window fenestration. First storey windows are taller than those on the second storeys.

The residence is on a rubble raised foundation. The front facade is very large straight-coursed stone blocks with cut stone soldier lintels; striated lintels are found on the side facades. Sills are single stones. A fire that occurred many years ago resulted in the front lintels becoming charred, imparting a unique colour and overall appearance to them. A one and one-half storey board and batten addition has since been added at the rear wall.

Historical/ Associative Value:

The Duncan Campbell family immigrated to Puslinch from Perthshire, Scotland in 1833. By the 1850s, Duncan Campbell Jr. had become the owner of Lot 21 Rear Concession 10 (7839 Wellington Road 34) and neighbouring Lots 19 and 21 Front Concession 11. The construction of the stone house took place during his ownership and prior to 1861. Campbell secured a post office for the area and built it on the northwest corner of the property. Eventually a store was added to the property and operated by the Campbell family. The post office continued its operations on the property until 1912, coinciding with the introduction of rural mail services in the Township, leading to its closure.

Contextual Value:

The Duncan Campbell property stands within a larger landscape of other properties in the eastern part of the Township settled by Highland Scots. It is the earliest property in the area built in the Neoclassic architectural style. Its presence contributes to the cultural narrative of the successful immigration of Highland Scots and due to its relatively early construction, it stands as a symbol of community strength and resilience. Furthermore, the property is intricately linked to the landscape of the extant hamlet of Corwhin, particularly its school and former store and post office buildings.

Description of Heritage Attributes

The following are to be considered as heritage attributes to be protected by a heritage designation by-law for 7839 Wellington Rd. 34:

- Original foundation
- Exterior stone walls, lintels and sills.
- Height, scale, and massing of original two storey property
- Paired Chimneys
- Original window and door fenestrations

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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