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Centre Wellington

November 21, 2024

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Ontario Heritage Trust



**RE: Notice of Passing of a Designation By-law, 6550 Gerrie Road, Elora**

Dear 

Please take notice that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Centre Wellington passed a by-law designating the following property to be a property of cultural heritage value or interest under Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act, R.S.O. 1990 (Ch.O.18, Sec. 29):

**6550 Gerrie Road  
Elora, Ontario**

Attached is a copy of the notice regarding the passing of the by-law including the last date to appeal. A copy of the by-law is also attached. Please let me know if you have any questions.

Yours truly,



Mariana Iglesias, MCIP, RPP, CAHP  
Manager of Planning Services

Encl.

*Copy: Ontario Heritage Trust, via email only*

**NOTICE OF THE PASSING OF A HERITAGE DESIGNATION BY-LAW  
BY THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF CENTRE WELLINGTON**

**TAKE NOTICE** that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Centre Wellington passed By-law 2024-72 on November 12, 2024, to designate the property at 6550 Gerrie Road, Elora, in the Township of Centre Wellington, as a property of cultural heritage value or interest under Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act, R.S.O. 1990, c.O.18.

Any person who objects to the by-law may appeal to the Ontario Land Tribunal (OLT) and the Clerk of the Township within 30 days after the date of this publication, on or before December 21, 2024. The notice of appeal must set out the objection to the by-law and the reasons in support of the objection, accompanied by the fee charged by the OLT.

For additional information, including a statement explaining the cultural heritage value or interest of the property and a description of the heritage attributes of the property please contact Mariana Iglesias, Manager of Planning Services (519-846-9691 x289).

Dated at the Township of Centre Wellington this 21st day of November, 2024.

Kerri O’Kane,  
Municipal Clerk  
1 MacDonald Square  
Elora, Ontario  
N0B 1S0

**The Corporation of the Township of Centre Wellington**

**By-law 2024-72**

By-law to designate the lands at 6550 Gerrie Road  
to be of cultural heritage value or interest

**Whereas** the *Ontario Heritage Act*, R.S.O. 1990, Chapter O.18, Section 29 (the “Act”), as amended, authorizes the Council of a municipality to enact by-laws to designate real property including all buildings and structures thereon, to be of cultural value or interest;

**Whereas** on the advice of the municipal heritage committee on July 9, 2024, the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Centre Wellington has caused to be served upon the owners of the lands and premises known municipally as 6550 Gerrie Road (“the Property”) and upon the Ontario Heritage Trust notice of intention to designate the aforesaid real property and has caused such notice of intention to be published in a newspaper having a general circulation in the municipality;

**Whereas** the statement of cultural value or interest of the Property are set out in Schedule “B”;

**Whereas** the description of Heritage Attributes are set out in Schedule “C”;

**Whereas** no notice of objection to the proposed designation has been served upon the clerk of the municipality;

**Now Therefore the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Centre Wellington hereby enacts as follows:**

1. The real property municipally known as 6550 Gerrie Road and more particularly described in Schedule “A”, is designated as being of cultural heritage value or interest under Part IV of the *Act*.
2. The Township’s legal representative is hereby authorized to cause a copy of this By-law to be registered against the property described in Schedule “A” in the proper land registry office.
3. Township staff is hereby authorized to cause a copy of this By-law to be served upon the owner of the property and upon the Ontario Heritage Trust and to cause notice of this By-law to be published in a newspaper having general circulation in the Township.
4. This By-law shall come into force and take effect upon its final passing.

**Read a first, second and third time and finally passed** this 12<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2024.



Mayor – Shawn Watters



Clerk – Kerri O’Kane

## Schedule "A"

### Legal Description

6550 Gerrie Road, legally described as:

Part Lot 18, Concession 12 Nichol; Part 1 61R6023; Centre Wellington

PIN: 71415-0496 (LT)

## Schedule "B"

### Statement of Cultural Heritage Value or Interest

#### Description of Property

6550 Gerrie Road is located on part of Lot 18, Concession 12, in the Township of Centre Wellington, County of Wellington (formerly the Village of Elora, in former Nichol Township). The property is located on the west side of Gerrie Road, north of Colborne Street, in the northeast portion of the Elora-Salem Urban Centre. The property is approximately 1 hectare in size (2.5 acres) and supports a single detached dwelling, trees and gardens. It is surrounded on three sides by lands that form part of a recently approved residential subdivision.

**Statement of Cultural Heritage Value:** The cultural heritage value of 6550 Gerrie Road resides in its design/physical value, its historical/associative value, and its contextual value.

#### Design or Physical Value

The dwelling on the property is significant because it is a representative example of the Georgian architectural style with its balanced facades, muted ornamentation, and minimal detailing, striving for simplicity, symmetry, and solidity reflective of this style. The two-storey stone dwelling was originally built as a one-and-a-half storey dwelling, likely between 1852-1855. It is uniquely constructed of a combination of local limestone and fieldstone with rough quoins and radiating stone voussoirs with a three-bay symmetrical front façade that includes a central entrance. The second storey was added around the 1860s which is still slightly visible on the gable end facades of the house and is evident in the change to the roofline (from a one-storey end gable roof to a two-storey hip roof structure). This work is significant for its almost imperceptible compatibility with the original structure and is only noticeable upon close inspection, demonstrating excellent masonry skills and craftsmanship. The house retains its original fenestration pattern with symmetrical window openings and voussoirs above. The builder and architect of the house remain unknown.

#### Historical or Associative Value

The property is significant for its association with the theme of early European settlement and growth in Centre Wellington (formerly Nichol Township), specifically the Gerrie Family. William and Isabella Gerrie and their children arrived in the area from Scotland in 1836. The family initially purchased 100 acres across the road on Lot 18, Concession 13, where they constructed a one-storey stone dwelling and barn and established their family farm "New Mains", named after the family's former home in Aberdeenshire, Scotland (currently the Elora Transfer Station property). A few years later, in 1838, they purchased an additional 50 acres on the East Half of Lot 18, Concession 12, the site of the current dwelling at 6550 Gerrie Road, albeit now only a small portion of the original 50-acre parcel. The current dwelling was constructed sometime between 1852-1855 as a one-and-a-half storey stone farmhouse for the Gerrie family's two sons, James and William Jr., who were unmarried at the time. It is speculated this may be the reason it came to be known locally as "Bachelor Hall", though it may also be related to later unmarried descendants residing on the property. The property is also significant historically as it's linked to the naming of Gerrie Road, a prominent local road, thought to be named after the Gerrie Family. There were more than thirty-six individuals with the last name Gerrie living in Elora in 1836. The Gerries were some of the earliest pioneers of Elora and were well-respected within the community. The farm property remained in the family's ownership until the early 20<sup>th</sup> century. The property has potential to yield information about the early settlement of Centre Wellington and the Gerrie Family.

#### Contextual Value

The house is physically linked to the property and its surroundings in its original orientation and setback facing Gerrie Road together with the landscape features on the property in the form of the mature trees. The property contributes to the local rural agricultural context of this part of the Township. There are several mature trees located on the property and along its perimeter. The property was severed from the surrounding farm in 1992, creating the approximately one-hectare (2.5 acre) parcel. As urban development increasingly surrounds the property, it is becoming a more significant link to its agricultural past and the history of the Gerrie Family.

## Schedule "C"

### Description of Heritage Attributes:

- Two-storey three-bay Georgian-style dwelling uniquely constructed of local limestone and fieldstone with traditional Scottish detailing
- Large stone quoins and voussoirs over the windows and main doorway on the front facade
- Fenestration pattern of window openings in their current size and location (double hung sash windows); second storey windows are arched with radiating stone voussoirs
- Location of central front entrance
- Existing building footprint and massing of original stone dwelling
- Hip-style roof
- Original stone sills in place (currently clad in aluminum)

### Excluded from the Heritage Attributes:

- Two brick chimneys (non-original)
- Front door, transom and sidelights (non-original)
- Replacement windows
- Modern two-storey rear and side additions, including garage addition
- Asphalt shingle roof with replacement eaves and fascia
- Interior elements