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Notice of Passing of Designation By-law – 32 Brock Road North, Puslinch

NOTICE OF PASSING OF DESIGNATION BY-LAW 025-2025

TAKE NOTICE that Council for the Township of Puslinch passed Designation By-law 025-2025 on January 22, 2025, which designates the lands, buildings and structures located at Part Lot 19, Rear Concession 7, Township of Puslinch, known municipally as 32 Brock Road North under Part IV, Section 29 of the Ontario Heritage Act, R.S.O. 1990, c.O.18, as amended, as a property of cultural heritage value or interest.

IF YOU WISH TO APPEAL TO THE ONTARIO LAND TRIBUNAL:

Take notice that an appeal of the Designation by-law for the Property by those persons permitted to appeal under section 29 of the Ontario Heritage Act may be made by filing a notice of appeal with the Municipal Clerk, Township of Puslinch 7404 Wellington Road 34, Puslinch, Ontario, N0B 2J0; Email: admin@puslinch.ca within thirty days of January 27, 2025, which is February 26, 2025.

A Notice of Appeal must:

- (1) set out the reasons for the objection to the designation by-law; and
- (2) set out the reasons in support of the objection to the designation by-law.

If you wish to appeal to the Ontario Land Tribunal (OLT), forms are available from the Ontario Land Tribunal website at <https://olt.gov.on.ca>

Who Can File An Appeal:

Any persons who objected to the designation by-law may refer the matter to the Ontario Land Tribunal.

Getting Additional Information:

A copy of the by-law and background information about the designation is available for public inspection by contacting the Administration Department at admin@puslinch.ca.

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF PUSLINCH

BY-LAW NUMBER 025-2025

Being a by-law to authorize the designation of real property located at 32 Brock Road North, Puslinch, as the property of cultural heritage value or interest under Section 29 Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act, R.S.O. 1990, c. O.18

WHEREAS the *Ontario Heritage Act, R.S.O. 1990, c. O.18* authorizes a municipality to designate a property within the municipality to be of cultural heritage value or interest if the property meets the prescribed criteria and the designation is made in accordance with the process set out in the *Ontario Heritage Act, R.S.O. 1990, c. O.18*;


AND WHEREAS the Council for the Corporation of the Township of Puslinch, in consultation with the Puslinch Heritage Advisory Committee, deems 32 Brock Road North to be of cultural heritage value and interest in accordance with the prescribed criteria by the Ontario Heritage Act, R.S.O. 1990, c. O.18;

AND WHEREAS the Council for the Corporation of the Township of Puslinch did give notice of its intention to designate the property mentioned in section 1 of this by-law in accordance with subsection 29(3) of the *Ontario Heritage Act, R.S.O. 1990, c. O.18*;

NOW THEREFORE the Corporation of the Township of Puslinch hereby enacts as follows:

1. That the property located at 32 Brock Road North, Puslinch, and more particularly described in Schedule “A” hereto annexed and forming part of this by-law, is hereby designated as property of cultural heritage value or interest under Section 29 Part IV of the *Ontario Heritage Act, 1990, c. O. 18*.
2. That the Municipal Clerk is hereby authorized and directed,
 - a. to cause a copy of this by-law, together with reasons for the designation, to be served on the subject property owner and The Ontario Heritage Trust by personal service or by registered mail;
 - b. to publish a notice of this by-law once in a newspaper having general circulation in the Township of Puslinch.
3. That the Municipal Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to cause a copy of this bylaw, together with the statement of cultural heritage value or interest and description of heritage attributes set out in Schedule “B” hereto annexed and forming part of this bylaw, to be registered against the property affected in the proper land registry office.

READ A FIRST, SECOND AND THIRD TIME AND FINALLY PASSED THIS 22nd DAY OF JANUARY 2025.

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James Seeley, Mayor

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Justine Brotherston, Interim Municipal Clerk

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Schedule "A"
To
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32 Brock Road North,
Puslinch

PIN: 71197-0078

Legal Description: PT LOT 19, CONCESSION 7, TOWNSHIP OF PUSLINCH, PT 2, 61R3522;
TOWNSHIP OF PUSLINCH

Schedule "B"
To
By-law Number 025-2025

32 Brock Road North,
Puslinch

**STATEMENT OF CULTURAL HERITAGE VALUE OR INTEREST AND DESCRIPTION OF
HERITAGE ATTRIBUTES**

The property, the former School Section #4, located at 32 Brock Rd N, Puslinch, possesses significant cultural heritage value due to its association with the educational and social history of Township of Puslinch and the Aberfoyle area. This value is retained in the 1872 stone schoolhouse on the site. This building represents the efforts of the board of School Section 1 to provide free public elementary education to the local community. The schoolhouse was constructed in 1872 using building plans published by the Ontario Department of Education in the mid-nineteenth century as a guide. The property's architectural value lies in the exceptional craftsmanship attributed to local contractor, Robert Little. Many of the architectural elements present here are unique in the Township. The schoolhouse's strategic placement in an area where numerous Aberfoyle and area families attended adds to its historical importance. Given its pivotal role in the history of Puslinch, and growing urban development along Brock Road the property and its schoolhouse hold the status of an historical and geographic landmark. The property 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 is listed on the Township of Puslinch Municipal Heritage Register and has received a plaque from the Township's Heritage Committee for its cultural heritage value.

Design Value:

Constructed according to mid-nineteenth century Ontario Department of Education building plans, the building features elements representative of mid-nineteenth century Ontario schoolhouse design: front gable roof, single-storey rectangular form, window fenestrations on the side walls and a front facade with two entrances: one for girls and one for boys. This property showcases an outstanding and distinctive example of architectural interpretation of these plans and local stone masonry, combining Gothic and Italianate detailing. The contractor for the structure was Robert Little. Notable design features include the exterior walls cut from granite and amphibolite stone in coursed "Aberdeen bond." The schoolhouse is fitted with original large Romanesque sash windows on the side walls furnished with Gothic rectangular wood tracery muntins. A singular large Romanesque window is on the front façade. These windows feature intricate and distinctive limestone masonry in the large voussoirs, surrounds and sills. The front entrance maintains its original configuration, with separate doors for boys and girls, each equipped with Romanesque transoms and limestone voussoirs. An ocular datestone with a limestone surround under the front gable is inscribed "School Section 4 Puslinch 1872." The roof holds the schoolhouse's original belfry and bell.

Historical or Associative Value:

As Puslinch was settled, it was divided into twelve school sections (SS). The residents of each section built their own school, which not only represented and defined the geographic community but also became a centre for community activities.

This stone schoolhouse built in 1872 by Robert Little was the third incarnation of the School Section #4 succeeding a log structure (1832) and a frame building (1846). The schoolhouse's strategic placement in an area where numerous Aberfoyle and area families attended adds to its historical importance. The property served as an elementary school and social centre for the Aberfoyle school community from 1872 until 1959 when the new Aberfoyle School was established.

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Contextual Value:

The property is emblematic of this once thriving village of Aberfoyle. It is surrounded by several other heritage properties along Brock Road in the Aberfoyle area. These residences, including the George McLean, John Hammersley, and Peter McLaren houses, among many others, played a significant role in shaping and establishing this part of Puslinch. The property is also in close proximity to the Aberfoyle Mill and Aberfoyle blacksmith and wagon shop, industrial heritage properties demonstrating the importance of the property's location as a hub of industry and services. The property holds the status of a landmark due to its architectural excellence and rich and complex history within the Township. Over the years, it has served numerous generations and families, playing crucial roles in both education and commercial activities.

Description of Heritage Attributes

The following are to be considered as heritage attributes to be protected by a heritage designation by-law for 32 Brock Road North:

- Height, scale, and massing of original schoolhouse building
- Stone exterior walls in Aberdeen bond
- Romanesque door and window fenestration
- Gothic tracery windows with wood muntins
- Limestone voussoirs, sills and trim on all fenestration
- Date stone
- Belfry and bell