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Notice of Passing of Designation By-law – 7098 Concession 1, Puslinch

NOTICE OF PASSING OF DESIGNATION BY-LAW 010-2025

TAKE NOTICE that Council for the Township of Puslinch passed Designation By-law 010-2025 on January 22, 2025, which designates the lands, buildings and structures located at Concession 1 Front Part Lot 25 Lot 24; Lot 23, Township of Puslinch, known municipally as 7098 Concession 1, Puslinch, 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 010-2025

Being a by-law to authorize the designation of real property located at 7098 Concession 1, 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*;

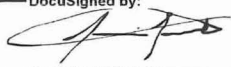
AND WHEREAS the Council for the Corporation of the Township of Puslinch, in consultation with the Puslinch Heritage Advisory Committee, deems 7098 Concession 1, Puslinch to be of cultural heritage value and interest in accordance with the prescribed criteria by the Ontario Heritage Act, R.S.O. 1990, 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*;

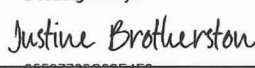
NOW THEREFORE the Corporation of the Township of Puslinch hereby enacts as follows:

1. That the property located at 7098 Concession 1, 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
By-law Number 010-2025

7098 Concession 1,
Puslinch

PIN: 71203-0029

Legal Description: PT LOT 23, CONCESSION 1, TOWNSHIP OF PUSLINCH, AS IN MS52206;
PT LOTS 23, 24 & 25, CONCESSION 1, TOWNSHIP OF PUSLINCH, AS IN IS14404

Schedule "B"
To
By-law Number 010-2025

7098 Concession 1,
Puslinch

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

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 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

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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