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March 28, 2025

Attn. Provincial Heritage Registrar  
Ontario Heritage Trust  
10 Adelaide Street East  
Toronto, ON M5C 1J3

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2025/03/28  
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Ontario Heritage Trust

Re: Notification of Intent to Designate, through Passage of a By-law, 11999 Fifth Line, legally described as "PT LT 21, CON 6 ESQ, PART 1, 20R9187 TOWN OF HALTON HILLS", and known as the Gibraltar Schoolhouse, under Part IV of the *Ontario Heritage Act*.

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This letter is to advise you that the Notice of Intention to Designate for the above property under Part IV of the *Ontario Heritage Act* was served to the property owner(s), via mail, on Friday, March 28, 2025.

The Notice of Intention to Designate 11999 Fifth Line will be posted on the various Town sites on Friday, March 28, 2025. A copy of the attached proof for the notice was forwarded to the property owner(s) on Friday, March 28, 2025.

Sincerely,



Laura Loney  
Manager of Heritage Planning  
Planning and Development

# UNDER THE ONTARIO HERITAGE ACT

## Notice of Intention to Designate



IN THE MATTER OF THE ONTARIO HERITAGE ACT AND IN THE MATTER OF the lands in the Town of Halton Hills known municipally as 11999 Fifth Line, Limehouse, legally described as "PT LT 21, CON 6 ESQ, PART 1, 20R9187 TOWN OF HALTON HILLS", Regional Municipality of Halton, and known as the Gibraltar Schoolhouse.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Town of Halton Hills intends to designate the property at 11999 Fifth Line, under Section 29(1), Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act, R.S.O. 1990, Chapter O.18.

### **Statement of Cultural Heritage Value or Interest:**

The property at 11999 Fifth Line has physical and design value as a rare, unique, and representative example of a late-nineteenth century vernacular Ontario rural schoolhouse in the community of Limehouse within the Town of Halton Hills. The two-storey school was constructed in 1864, and features stone construction, multiple flatheaded window openings along the side elevations, and a front vestibule. The schoolhouse was originally one-storey, but a second storey was introduced in 1875.

The property at 11999 Fifth Line has historical and associative value due to its associations with the early educational system in the community of Limehouse. The student population began to grow with the establishment of Common School Act and the Ontario School Act, which introduced rates levied to support and construct new schools and later abolished the former fees for public schools and made attendance compulsory for children ages 7 to 12. In response, many communities took advantage of these government grants to build and operate new schools. Additionally, as Limehouse began to thrive as a community, there was a need to construct another classroom for incoming pupils. The property also has associations with Reverend John McColl. Reverend John McColl attended Gibraltar in 1860 and later attended Waterloo School. Reverend McColl graduated from the University of Toronto in 1870, and the Theological Seminary of Princeton, New Jersey, in 1873. Additionally, the property has associations with Dr. James Lindsay, who was born in Limehouse and remained in the community before leaving to study medicine. After graduating, Lindsay later moved to Guelph to work as a physician and a surgeon. Once Dr. Lindsay retired, he returned to the old Lindsay family homestead in Limehouse and resided on the property until his death. He was an active member with the Presbyterian Church.

The property at 11999 Fifth Line has contextual value as it is important in defining, maintaining, and supporting the rural character of the community of Limehouse. The former Gibraltar Schoolhouse is physically, visually, and historically linked to its surroundings as an early schoolhouse that accommodated pupils from Limehouse, from the 1860s to the 1960s. Gibraltar Schoolhouse is the only schoolhouse located in Limehouse and is well-known to local residents as a point of reference and a local landmark.

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Following research and evaluation according to Ontario Regulation 9/06, it has been determined that the property at 11999 Fifth Line has physical and design, historical and associative, and contextual value and therefore meets Ontario Regulation 9/06 criteria for determining cultural heritage value or interest.

The heritage attributes of the property at 11999 Fifth Line are identified as follows:

- The setback, location, and orientation of the schoolhouse along Fifth Line in the community of Limehouse within the Town of Halton Hills;
- The scale, form, and massing of the c.1864 two-storey stone schoolhouse with gable roof and staggered stone quoins;
- Materials, including the stone construction, sills, lintels and detailing;
- On the front (southwest) elevation:
  - The central vestibule with a gable roof, flatheaded window opening with limestone sill and lintel, and the flatheaded doorway with limestone lintel;
  - Multiple flatheaded window openings with limestone sills and lintels; and,
- On the side (northwest and southeast) elevations:
  - Multiple flatheaded window openings with limestone sills and lintels.

The rear elevation, interiors, and rear accessory structure were not investigated as part of this report.

Further information respecting the Statement of Cultural Heritage Value or Interest and proposed designation of 11999 Fifth Line (refer to Report PD-2025-016) is available by contacting Caylee MacPherson, Planner – Development Review & Heritage, for the Town of Halton Hills at 905-873-2600 x 2978 or by email at [cmacpherson@haltonhills.ca](mailto:cmacpherson@haltonhills.ca).

Any person may, by **April 27, 2025** (within 30 days after the date of the publication of this notice) serve written notice of objection to the proposed designation to Caylee MacPherson together with a statement for the objection and all relevant facts.

Dated at the Town of Halton Hills this 28th day of March 2025.

Caylee MacPherson, Planner – Development Review & Heritage, Planning and Development, The Corporation of the Town of Halton Hills, 1 Halton Hills Drive, Halton Hills, ON L7G 5G2.

