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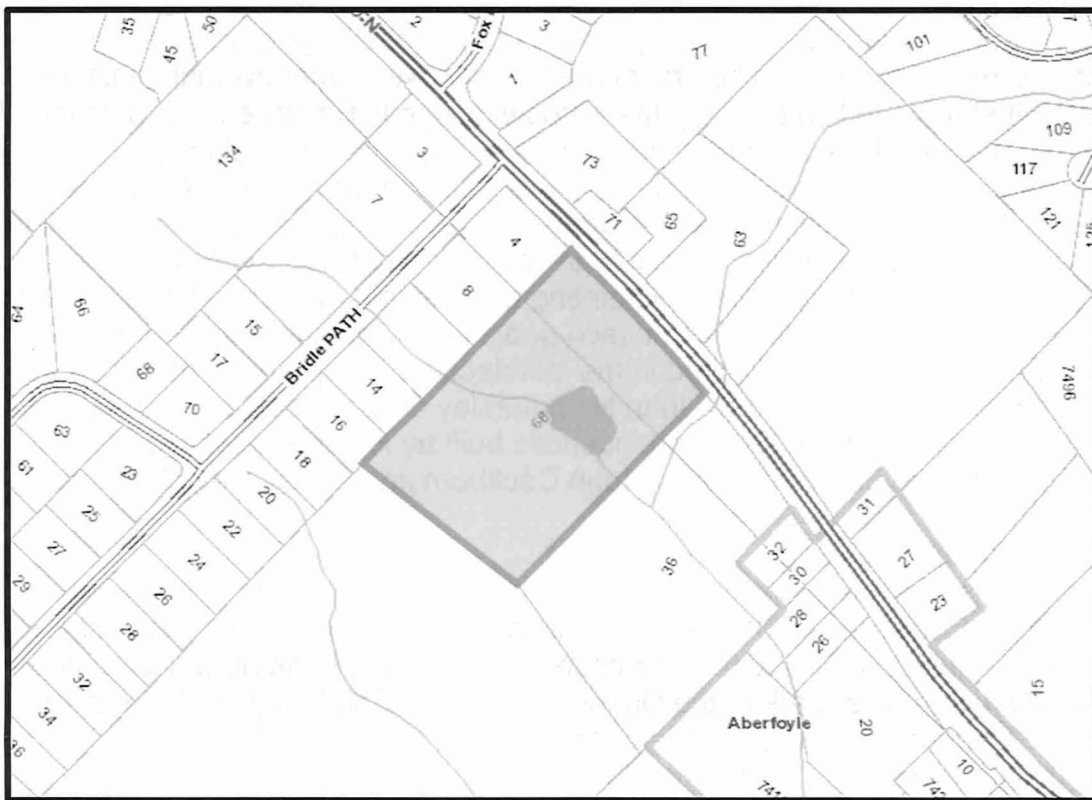


THE TOWNSHIP OF PUSLINCH NOTICE OF INTENTION TO DESIGNATE 68 Brock Road North, Puslinch

TAKE NOTICE that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Puslinch intends to designate at 68 Brock Road North, 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. 2025-124.

Description of the Property

The subject property is described as being Pt Lot 19, Con 7, Township of Puslinch, Pt 2, 61R11763; Township of Puslinch, municipally known as at 68 Brock Rd N, Puslinch.



(Key Map Showing Location of 68 Brock Rd N, Puslinch)

Short Statement of Cultural Heritage Value or Interest

The property situated at 68 Brock Road North, Puslinch, meets the requirements for designation in each of the three categories of design/physical value, historical/associative value, and contextual value, according to Reg. 9/06 of the Ontario Heritage Act.

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Built in 1859, the fieldstone house on this property retains significant cultural heritage value due to its age and design; it is one of the earliest "Ontario House" Gothic style residences in the Township. It is historically associated with John Hammersley, who arrived in Puslinch in the early 1830s, was active in municipal politics and had this residence constructed for his family. Its site at the north end of Aberfoyle Village forms part of a streetscape of residential, commercial and institutional buildings from this settlement period.

Design Value:

The property is an early example in the Township of a granite and limestone house constructed in the Gothic "Ontario House" style that predominated residential vernacular architecture in Puslinch Township from the late 1850s to the 1880s. Features of this style present in the structure at 68 Brock Road North include the one and one-half story three bay facade with a central doorway and a vertical window in each side bay on the first storey. This central doorway has sidelights and a transom, commonly found in properties from this period. The end gabled roof form has large cornice returns. Key to the Ontario House form is the central peaked gable over a window that lights the second half-storey. In this property the window design is Romanesque. Side facades show two windows placed symmetrically on each floor; the south side facade of the property has an addition that has obscured this fenestration on the first floor. The masonry is heavily parged granite with dressed limestone quoins, limestone soldiered lintels, and limestone slab sills. A limestone voussoir highlights the Romanesque window. Masonry work has lime tuckpointing to resemble Aberdeen bond. An interior stone masonry chimney is located on each gable end. Original scalloped barge board and lance finial have been removed in the last decade. The property represents the second residence constructed by John Hammersley on Lot 19, Rear Concession 7, replacing a frame structure. Similar residences built by Hammersley's contemporaries in the area include the property built by Hugh Cockburn Jr., Lot 18, Rear Concession 8.

Historical/ Associative Value:

The property is historically associated with John Hammersley who immigrated to Puslinch from England in 1831. By 1838, he had obtained a deed for the land on which the present property stands. John Hammersley was active in municipal legal and military affairs and was Clerk of the Division Court and Chief Magistrate for over 40 years, and Captain of the local militia during the McKenzie Rebellion. The 1861 census records his profession as "Gentleman."

Contextual Value

The property forms an integral part of a streetscape that encompasses many significant historic buildings in the Township including the 1872 Aberfoyle School and the 1860 blacksmith and wagon shop. The property is contextually associated with neighbouring early stone residences on Brock Road built by English immigrants who were also Hammersley's colleagues in municipal politics, such as Robert Johnston and Richard Ellis. Hammersley Road located nearby is named after John Hammersley.

Description of Heritage Attributes

The following are to be considered as heritage attributes to be protected by a heritage designation by-law for 68 Brock Road North:

John Hammersley House:

- Original door and window fenestration on front and north side facade.
- Granite and limestone masonry on exterior walls
- Stone chimneys
- Limestone trim on lintels, sills, quoins and voussoir
- Height, scale, and massing of original one and one-half storey "Ontario House" architecture

Notice of Objection

Any person may send a notice of objection to this proposed designation, before 4:00 p.m. on May 16, 2025. 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 April 16, 2025

Justine Brotherston,
Municipal Clerk
Township of Puslinch
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CC: Property Owner
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