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# CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF KINGSVILLE

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**BY REGISTERED MAIL**

May 31, 2010



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Dear Sirs:

**RE: Ontario Heritage Act—Notice of Intention to Designate  
325 County Road 34 East, Kingsville, Ontario**

Enclosed please find Notice of Intention to Designate, which is being served upon you pursuant to Section 29(3) of the *Ontario Heritage Act, R.S.O. 1990, c.O.18*.

Yours truly,

  
Ruth Orton-Pert  
Clerk

ROP/sjk

Enclosure



# CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF KINGSVILLE

IN THE MATTER OF THE ONTARIO HERITAGE ACT, R.S.O. 1990, c. O. 18, AS AMENDED, AND  
IN THE MATTER OF THE PROPERTY LEGALLY DESCRIBED AS PT LT 265, CON NTR  
GOSFIELD AS IN R864851; KINGSVILLE,  
IN THE TOWN OF KINGSVILLE, IN THE COUNTY OF ESSEX AND PROVINCE OF ONTARIO

## NOTICE OF INTENTION TO DESIGNATE

**TAKE NOTICE THAT** the Council of The Corporation of the Town of Kingsville intends to designate, under Part IV of the *Ontario Heritage Act*, the property legally described as PT LT 265, CON NTR GOSFIELD AS IN R864851; KINGSVILLE municipally known as 325 County Road 34 East, in the Town of Kingsville, in the Province of Ontario.

### Description of Property:

Constructed in 1886, this 1 ½- storey brick residential farmhouse reflects the Gothic revival style. The current property measures approximately .87 acres, of Part Lot 265 on the north side of Talbot Road, now County Road 34, in the former Township of Gosfield North, now the Town of Kingsville, and is municipally known as 325 County Road 34 East, Kingsville.

### Statement of Cultural Heritage Value or Interest:

The Boussey Farmhouse is an example of early construction and is a testament to the hard work of early settlers and their large families who comprised the agricultural enclave known as “The Ridge.”

The land on which the farmhouse sits was first settled in 1825 by Gabriel Boussey, originally from the Saint-Hyacinthe, Quebec area, and Mary Josette Bertrand of Sandwich. The couple first settled in the forest and raised their 10 children in a log cabin on the property. No road led to the property at the time. The farm’s position on the later old Indian “Talbot Trail” would have helped delineate the parameters of the current County Road 34, a major transportation artery for the County of Essex.

Gabriel and Mary Josette’s son, Joel Boussey, had the home constructed in 1886. Mary Josette lived in the new home, located on a 40-acre parcel of what had been a 100-acre Crown land grant, for the last two years of her vibrant life. Boussey descendants occupied and farmed the land until 1909.

In 1912 James and Hattie Pedrick purchased the property and their descendants continued to live on and farm the land, then known as Avonlea Farms. Hattie Pedrick’s great, great grand parents were Simon Girty and Catherine Malott. Simon Girty is an important figure in the American Revolution in that he acted as an interpreter between the British and Indians

(Native Americans). He fought for the Loyalists and was considered a turncoat. After the war he settled in Amherstburg with his wife, Catherine. Many local families with ties to the United Empire Loyalists can trace their parentage to the couple, as they were among Essex County's first settlers.

Various members of the Boussey and Pedrick families are mentioned throughout newspaper reports, evidencing their status and hearty participation within their community and lending descriptions to their congenial relationships with neighbours.

#### **Description of Heritage Attributes:**

Key attributes that embody the heritage value of the Old Boussey Farm include:

- combination lower plain, then split, fieldstone foundation;
- stretcher brick;
- gable roof;
- brick trim in gable;
- inside end original chimney;
- partial porch with spindle columns;
- decorated verge board in porch;
- label molding;
- segmental arched windows;
- brick alternating voissouirs on trim of windows with brick quoins at all openings;
- smooth faced sills.

Any person may, within thirty days of the publication of this notice, send by registered mail or deliver to the Clerk of the Town of Kingsville notice of his or her objection to the proposed designation together with a statement of the reasons for the objection and all relevant facts.

**DATED** at Kingsville, this 25<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2010.

Ruth Orton-Pert, Clerk  
The Corporation of the Town of Kingsville  
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