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November 14, 2019

Ontario Heritage Trust
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Attn: Erin Semande
Acting Ontario Heritage Registrar

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Re: Designation of the McAllister Homestead, 240 Bethel Road, County Of Brant

Dear Ms. Semande,

Please find enclosed the notice of the County of Brant's Councils intention to designate the McAllister Homestead located at 240 Bethel Road, County of Brant. A motion to designate was made at the September 5, 2019 Brant Heritage Committee.

A notice of intent to designate 240 Bethel Road was advertised in the Brantford Expositor on September 19th, 2019. The report and motion was forwarded to the Planning Advisory Committee on October 1, 2019 which approved the request to designate.

The 30 day appeal period ended on October 19th with no letters of appeal received by the Clerk. The by-law will be presented at County of Brant's Council meeting on November 26th, 2019.

Please let me know if you require any further information in designating this structure.

Best regards,

Carol Moore
Heritage Coordinator
County of Brant



NOTICE OF INTENTION TO DESIGNATE A PROPERTY UNDER PART IV OF THE ONTARIO HERITAGE ACT

The Council of the County of Brant hereby gives Notice of Intention to designate property being the remaining 4.59 acre McAllister homestead located at 240 Bethel Road under Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act. Having consulted with its municipal heritage committee, this notice is now served on the owner of the property and published in a newspaper having general circulation in the municipality.

County of Brant Council will be considering the designation of this property, via by-law, at its regularly scheduled meeting, as follows:

Date of Meeting: November 26, 2019

Time of Meeting: 6:00 pm

Location of Meeting: County of Brant Council Chambers, 7 Broadway St. West, Paris

Notice of objection to the designation may be served on the Clerk of the County of Brant within 30 days after the date of publication of this notice, being November 23, 2019, for consideration on November 26.

Background

Property Address

240 Bethel Road – Concession 3, Part Lot 4, RP 2R7721, Part 1, geographic Township of Brantford, being all of PIN 32055-0085.

Description of Heritage Attributes

- Exterior façade of the stone home complete with the slate roof, chimneys, wood soffits/fascia, front porch, window & door lintels and sills.
- All upper and lower rooms, all trim features, recent rear addition, stone root cellar.
- Remaining ruins of the ice house, the two barns, and the remaining unknown ruins at the rear of the property and the lands on which they lie.

Statement of Cultural Heritage Value / Interest

The site may have been occupied as early as the late 1820's before Lewis Burwell first surveyed the area with Joseph Brant. In 1839 Anthony and Susanna McAllister acquired 50 acres and built their first home. They acquired another 50 acres to complete their farm and build a second home, which is the remaining structure. The McAllister's and their farm had a strong influence on the Bethel Community, also operating a blacksmith shop on the north east corner of the site. The property remained in the McAllister family for five generations, only being sold in the last few years.

The 1-½ story Georgian Loyalist home has cut stone with accented corners (quoins) with defined mortar joints. Most of the windows are original but the ones that have been replaced are sympathetic to the original windows, with original wooden lintels and sills. The roof on the original portion of the house and the small stone appendage is slate with copper flashings. Abutting the 21st century addition is the original stone root cellar. The homestead has two barns (circa 1910 and 1860). Ruins of an ice house and what may have been an earlier home are also located on the property.

Further information regarding this proposed designation is available through the municipality. Any questions, objections or comments may be forwarded to Council by contacting the following:

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