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THE TOWNSHIP OF PUSLINCH NOTICE OF INTENTION TO DESIGNATE 4556 Sideroad 20 N, Puslinch

TAKE NOTICE that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Puslinch intends to designate at 4556 Sideroad 20 N, 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. 2024-336.

Description of the Property

The subject property is described as being Concession 3 Part Lot 20 RP;61R3352 Parts 2 and 3 Part; Part 1, municipally known as at 4556 Sideroad 20 N, Puslinch.



(Key Map Showing Location of 4556 Sideroad 20 N, Puslinch)

Short Statement of Cultural Heritage Value or Interest

The property located at 4556 Sideroad 20 N., 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 located at 4556 Sideroad 20 N, Puslinch, retains significant cultural heritage design value due to its architectural rarity: it is one of the few remaining log houses in the Township. The property is historically associated with the McLennan Family and Highland

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Scots immigration to Puslinch and contextually associated with adjacent McLennan/McKay properties.

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 4556 is a rare example of a large, two-storey side-gabled house constructed c. 1840-1845 of horizontal pine logs laid with dovetailed corners and plaster chinking. The fenestrations for windows and doors were cut in after the house was assembled. These original extant fenestrations include seven windows, one on each side of the original south-facing central entrance, two on each side of the end-gabled upper storey and one at the rear (north side) of the house. Three door fenestrations include one on the south side, one on the east side leading to a cellar and one on the north side. The south central entrance door no longer functions but is still visible from the exterior. Recent improvements using traditional craftsmanship include rebuilding of a portion of the stone foundation, repair of the plaster chinking, and roofing.

Historical /Associative Value:

Margaret McLennan (1783-1871), immigrated to Canada in 1841 as a widow with her grown family after being evicted from lands in Loch Broom, Ross-Shire, Scotland. Her daughter Catherine was married to Alexander McKay, also of Loch Broom, Ross-Shire and they had immigrated and settled on lots 18 and 19, Front Concession 3 the in 1840. It is likely that Alexander McKay had the log house built on Lot 20 for Margaret's family. Her son Donald McLennan settled Rear Concession 3, Lot 21 and became a profitable farmer.

Contextual Value:

The property is adjacent to other properties of significant cultural heritage value built by the McLennan/McKay families and forms part of a built landscape containing numerous other Highland Scots settler residences.

Description of Heritage Attributes

The following are to be considered as heritage attributes to be protected by a heritage designation by-law for 4556 Sideroad 20 N.

Margaret McLennan House:

- Original/extant door fenestrations.
- Original window fenestrations.
- Original foundation with reconstructive repair in 2023/2024
- Logs used in the exterior wall construction.
- Height, scale, and massing of two storey log residence.

Notice of Objection

Any person may send a notice of objection to this proposed designation, before 4:00 p.m. on November 16, 2024. 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 October 17, 2024

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