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## **Notice of Passing of Designation By-law – 6592 Concession 1, Puslinch**

### **NOTICE OF PASSING OF DESIGNATION BY-LAW 009-2025**

TAKE NOTICE that Council for the Township of Puslinch passed Designation By-law 009-2025 on January 22, 2025, which designates the lands, buildings and structures located at Concession 1 Part Lot 5 RP;61R20848 Part 1, Township of Puslinch, known municipally as 6592 Concession 1, Puslinch, under Part IV, Section 29 of the Ontario Heritage Act, R.S.O. 1990, c.O.18, as amended, as a property of cultural heritage value or interest.

#### **IF YOU WISH TO APPEAL TO THE ONTARIO LAND TRIBUNAL:**

Take notice that an appeal of the Designation by-law for the Property by those persons permitted to appeal under section 29 of the Ontario Heritage Act may be made by filing a notice of appeal with the Municipal Clerk, Township of Puslinch 7404 Wellington Road 34, Puslinch, Ontario, N0B 2J0; Email: [admin@puslinch.ca](mailto:admin@puslinch.ca) within thirty days of January 27, 2025, which is February 26, 2025.

#### **A Notice of Appeal must:**

- (1) set out the reasons for the objection to the designation by-law; and
- (2) set out the reasons in support of the objection to the designation by-law.

If you wish to appeal to the Ontario Land Tribunal (OLT), forms are available from the Ontario Land Tribunal website at <https://olt.gov.on.ca>

#### **Who Can File An Appeal:**

Any persons who objected to the designation by-law may refer the matter to the Ontario Land Tribunal.

#### **Getting Additional Information:**

A copy of the by-law and background information about the designation is available for public inspection by contacting the Administration Department at [admin@puslinch.ca](mailto:admin@puslinch.ca).

Schedule "A"  
To  
By-law Number 009-2025

6592 Concession 1,  
Puslinch

PIN: 71207-0422

Legal Description: PART LOT 5, CONCESSION 1 , PART 1, PLAN 61R20848

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF PUSLINCH

BY-LAW NUMBER 009-2025

Being a by-law to authorize the designation of real property located at 6592 Concession 1, Puslinch, as the property of cultural heritage value or interest under Section 29 Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act, R.S.O. 1990, c. O.18

**WHEREAS** the *Ontario Heritage Act, R.S.O. 1990, c. O.18* authorizes a municipality to designate a property within the municipality to be of cultural heritage value or interest if the property meets the prescribed criteria and the designation is made in accordance with the process set out in the *Ontario Heritage Act, R.S.O. 1990, c. O.18*;

**AND WHEREAS** the Council for the Corporation of the Township of Puslinch, in consultation with the Puslinch Heritage Advisory Committee, deems 6592 Concession 1, Puslinch to be of cultural heritage value and interest in accordance with the prescribed criteria by the Ontario Heritage Act, R.S.O. 1990, c. O.18;

**AND WHEREAS** the Council for the Corporation of the Township of Puslinch did give notice of its intention to designate the property mentioned in section 1 of this by-law in accordance with subsection 29(3) of the *Ontario Heritage Act, R.S.O. 1990, c. O.18*;

**NOW THEREFORE** the Corporation of the Township of Puslinch hereby enacts as follows:

1. That the property located at 6592 Concession 1, Puslinch, and more particularly described in Schedule "A" hereto annexed and forming part of this by-law, is hereby designated as property of cultural heritage value or interest under Section 29 Part IV of the *Ontario Heritage Act, 1990, c. O. 18*.
2. That the Municipal Clerk is hereby authorized and directed,
  - a. to cause a copy of this by-law, together with reasons for the designation, to be served on the subject property owner and The Ontario Heritage Trust by personal service or by registered mail;
  - b. to publish a notice of this by-law once in a newspaper having general circulation in the Township of Puslinch.
3. That the Municipal Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to cause a copy of this bylaw, together with the statement of cultural heritage value or interest and description of heritage attributes set out in Schedule "B" hereto annexed and forming part of this bylaw, to be registered against the property affected in the proper land registry office.

READ A FIRST, SECOND AND THIRD TIME AND FINALLY PASSED THIS 22<sup>nd</sup> DAY OF JANUARY 2025.

DocuSigned by:  
  
9F3AUA8BD61844F... James Seeley, Mayor

DocuSigned by:  
Justine Brotherston  
95537762C92E4F3... Justine Brotherston, Interim Municipal Clerk

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Schedule "B"  
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6592 Concession 1,  
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**STATEMENT OF CULTURAL HERITAGE VALUE OR INTEREST AND DESCRIPTION OF  
HERITAGE ATTRIBUTES**

The property located at 6592 Concession 1, Puslinch, meets the requirements for designation prescribed by the Province of Ontario under the three categories of design value, historical/associative value, and contextual value. The property retains cultural heritage value due to its vernacular fieldstone form, its historical association with nineteenth century hostelry on Puslinch Lake, and its role in the social life of the Killean community. It also has a historical connection to the founding of the Black Baptist Church in nearby Galt. Contextually, it is the last remaining in-situ domicile of nineteenth century innkeepers on Puslinch Lake.

*Design Value:*

The property is a vernacular random coursed fieldstone residence built by Puslinch Lake innkeeper Frederick Begerow after 1861. The original cross-gabled farmhouse is one-and-a-half stories and features fieldstone exterior walls with a rubblestone foundation. The property differs significantly from other stone residences built in the same period in the Township which usually maintain a symmetrical side-gabled form. The presence of two separate front entry doors with different interior floor levels suggests the structure was built in two stages and may have a precedent in German architecture. Multiple additions in the 20th and 21st centuries have altered some of the exterior facades.

*Historical/ Associative Value:*

The property was occupied until c. 1850 by James Thompson, a Black preacher and barber who lived in a log house on the lot. He founded the first Black Baptist Church in nearby Galt. German immigrant Frederick Begerow purchased the property in 1855. He built and operated the Highland Chief Inn and tavern on the property at the extreme south-east corner of Puslinch Lake. The 1861 census enumerated him as a tavern-keeper and farmer operating out of a log building. The present stone farmhouse was built in the early 1860's. His youngest son, August, occupied the property once his father had passed away.

During the summer months, the Highland Chief Inn was one of five hotels on Puslinch Lake that hunters, fishers, and vacationers would stay at, as the lake offered an abundance of game to be caught, as well as ample room for leisure. August considered the location one of the healthiest summer resorts within Western Ontario. Begerow's name for his inn "Highland Chief" reflected the predominantly Highland Scots community in which he and his family settled.

The Begerow's also provided entertainment on their property while they lived there, owning a log tavern at the front of the property. August was an avid accordion player and could be seen playing alongside Archibald Ramsay, William Young, and Anthony Robertson, who were all local violinists.

Present owner [REDACTED] notes that in 1977 an elderly neighbour recalled attending dances in the stone house. Temporary supports would be propped up under the beams in the cellar to support the dances.

*Contextual Value:*

The farmhouse is the only extant residential property connected to the once thriving hostelry industry on Puslinch Lake.

**Description of Heritage Attributes**

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The following are to be considered as heritage attributes to be protected by a heritage designation by-law for 6592 Concession 1:

- Original stone exterior walls.
- Original/extant fenestration.
- Height, scale and massing of the original one and one half-storey structure.