

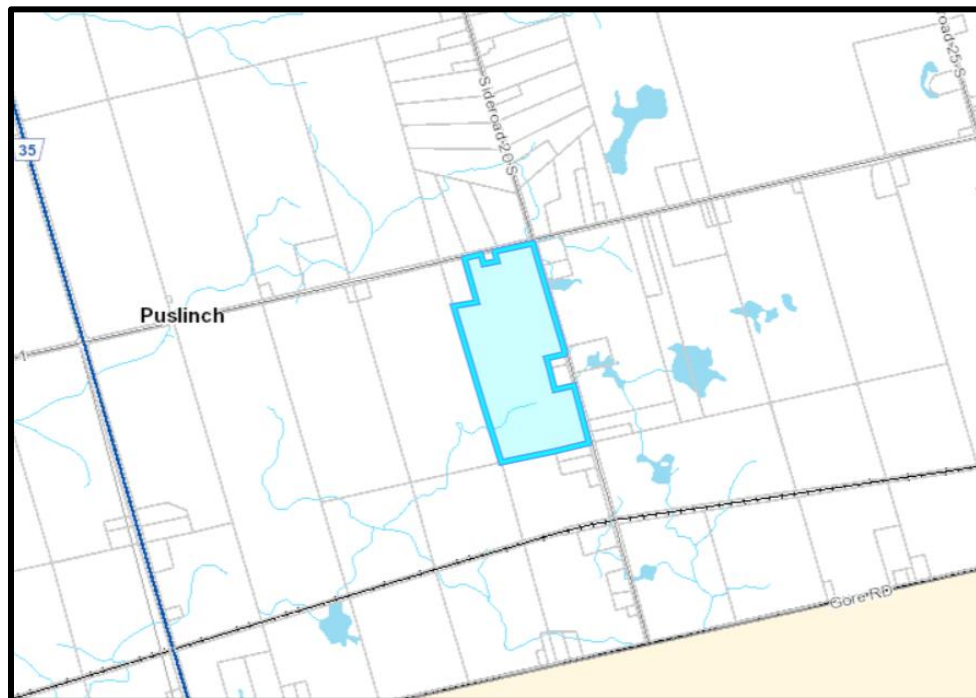


## THE TOWNSHIP OF PUSLINCH NOTICE OF INTENTION TO DESIGNATE 4048 Sideroad 20 South, Puslinch

**TAKE NOTICE** that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Puslinch intends to designate at 4048 Sideroad 20 South, 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 Gore Rear Part Lot 20, municipally known as at 4048 Sideroad 20 South, Puslinch.



(Key Map Showing Location of 4048 Sideroad 20 S, Puslinch)

### **Short Statement of Cultural Heritage Value or Interest**

The property located at 4048 Sideroad 20 South, Puslinch, 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.

This property includes a residence built in 1874 for Donald Stewart. It retains cultural heritage design value as an outstanding example of vernacular architecture in the Gothic "Ontario House Style". Historically it is associated with Scottish settlement along the Gore line in Puslinch Township, and in particular with the Donald Stewart family.

Contextually the property is part of a landscape of several nineteenth century stone residences built on Gore Road by or for Scottish immigrants.

*Design Value:*

The property includes an 1874 granite and limestone residence that is an outstanding example of the Gothic "Ontario House" "t-shape" vernacular architecture rendered in local fieldstone with decorative wood features and trim. This architectural form predominated in Puslinch Township from the late 1850s to the 1880s. In keeping with this architectural style the residence form is a three bay facade with a one and one-half storey side-gabled roof. A centred peaked gable on the upper half storey has a gothic window. A cross-gabled single storey kitchen tail extends at the rear. The front facade central entrance door has a transom and sidelights, and single vertical windows in each side bay. Side walls have vertical windows placed symmetrically above one another, two on each floor.

Notable masonry includes the front facade of large granite and limestone blocks laid in courses with Aberdeen bond pins, and large limestone quoins at the corners. All fenestration has carved stone lintels with keystones, and limestone slab sills, with the exception of the central gabled gothic window that is surrounded by a limestone voussoir.

Notable exterior decorative woodwork includes a covered entry porch that spans the width of the ground floor of the house with spandrels, brackets, spool drops and trelliage on support posts. The central gable bargeboard is a scroll pattern with a lance shaped finial at the peak.

These distinctive elements showcase the craftsmanship and attention to detail characteristic of the Gothic Revival Style in Puslinch. There have been no alterations to the original design and form of the property, which remains in excellent condition and in the Stewart family.

*Heritage/ Associative Value:*

The property, located at Part Lot 20, Rear Gore, was built for Donald Stewart in 1874, over 30 years after he arrived in Puslinch from Perthshire, Scotland. Stewart, his siblings and parents immigrated to Puslinch in the 1840s and 1850s, settling along the Gore Road and Concession 1. They were part of a large immigration of Highland Scots to the south part of Puslinch Township in the 1820s-1860s. The house was built by the Ritchie Brothers, who were local stonemasons from Clyde just south of Gore Road. They were also responsible for the construction of the verandah and its trielliage. Donald's son Allan took over the homestead in the late 1800s and was a leader in municipal politics as Reeve, Councillor and Warden of Wellington County.

*Contextual Value:*

The Donald Stewart house sits among the original Highland Scottish settler houses situated along the Gore, and the First and Second concessions in the southern part of Puslinch Township. This property contributes to the collective identity of a thriving Scottish community that existed during the Township's early settlement. Moreover, the

property's architectural design establishes a connection to its surroundings, indicating the presence of Scottish stonemasons and craftsmen in the area. The architectural style of the house further enhances its visual integration with the surroundings, as neighbouring residences such as Laughlin McMillan, Malcolm McCormick, James McPherson, and others were also constructed in the Gothic Revival style.

### **Description of Heritage Attributes**

The following are to be considered as heritage attributes to be protected by a heritage designation by-law for 4048 Sideroad 20 South:

Donald Stewart House:

- Exterior stone granite and limestone walls with Aberdeen bond masonry
- All extant window and door fenestration
- Limestone lintels, sills and voussoir
- Stone chimneys
- Porch with trelliage, spandrels and decorative woodwork
- Scallop bargeboard and lance finial on peaked gable
- Height, scale and massing of the original one and one half-storey "Ontario House" structure

### **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

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Township of Puslinch  
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CC: Property Owner  
Ontario Heritage Trust