

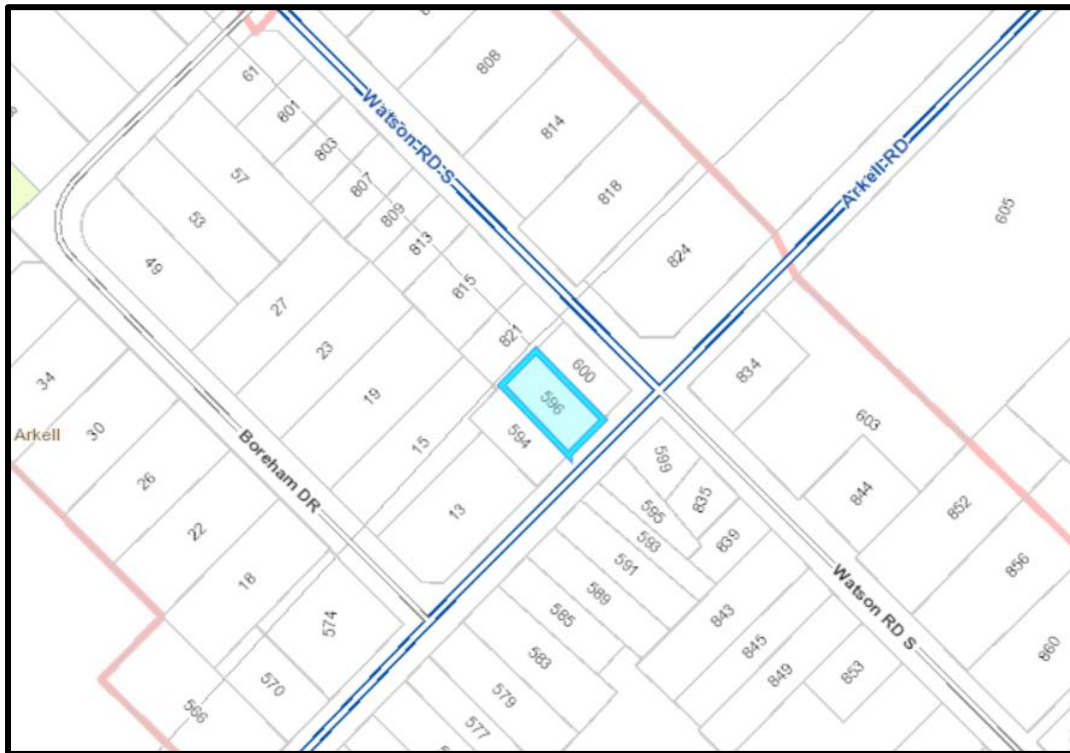


THE TOWNSHIP OF PUSLINCH NOTICE OF INTENTION TO DESIGNATE 596 Arkell Road, Puslinch

TAKE NOTICE that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Puslinch intends to designate at 596 Arkell Road, 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 Pt Lot 3, E of Blind Line, Plan 131, Designated as Part 1 61R9995; Township of Puslinch, municipally known as at 596 Arkell Rd, Puslinch.



(Key Map Showing Location of 596 Arkell Rd, Puslinch)

Short Statement of Cultural Heritage Value or Interest

The property situated at 596 Arkell Road, 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.

The property at 596 Arkell Road Puslinch includes a fieldstone blacksmith shop. The building holds cultural heritage value retained in its original form as a purpose-built

blacksmith shop dating from the 1850s. The property is historically associated with George Nichol, a long-practicing blacksmith in Arkell. The property is contextually associated with the Thomas Arkell residence “Stonehaven” and other extant social and commercial early buildings that formed the nucleus of the developing village of Arkell.

Design Value:

The property features a classic 1850s fieldstone one-storey front-gabled blacksmith shop in rectangular form. The first smithy built on this location in the 1840s by George Nichol was log construction and he replaced it in the early 1850s with the current building of coursed fieldstone with large limestone quoins. The front facade of this shop originally featured a large wood entry door for vehicles, with a rectangular and a square window to the left-facing side. This door and window fenestration was removed and replaced with the installation of a single large contemporary steel garage door c. 2019. Original window and door fenestration on the west side facade remains. Stone soldier lintels over the windows on this side are still visible as is a limestone beam lintel over the door. The east side window fenestration has been slightly altered to accommodate new windows.

Historical/Associative Value:

The blacksmith shop located on Lot 3, Plan 131, was the sole local smithy in Arkell and provided essential services for numerous residents in the Farnham, Arkell and area community during the 19th century and early 20th century. The former smithy is one of the earliest extant buildings in the village. Like many other blacksmith shops the smithy was adaptively reused as a garage/gas station after the first world war until the 1970s.

The building is associated with Arkell blacksmith George Nichol who constructed the shop and provided blacksmithing and farrier services to the village and farming community until the 1890s. In particular, he forged the hardware for Thomas Arkell’s 1852 manor house “Stonehaven.”

Contextual Value:

The blacksmith shop is an integral component of the area's character. The building is physically, historically and visually connected to its surroundings. Nichol’s cottage is nearby at 849 Watson Road South. The former smithy was part of the historic social and economic nucleus of the Village, one of the community gathering places that included the adjacent church, general store and school house.

Description of Heritage Attributes

The following are to be considered as heritage attributes to be protected by a heritage designation by-law 596 Arkell Road:

George Nichol Blacksmith Shop:

- Stone exterior walls, sills and lintels
- Limestone quoins
- Height, scale, and massing of original one storey property
- Extant window and door fenestration

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

Justine Brotherston,
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Township of Puslinch
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CC: Property Owner
Ontario Heritage Trust