

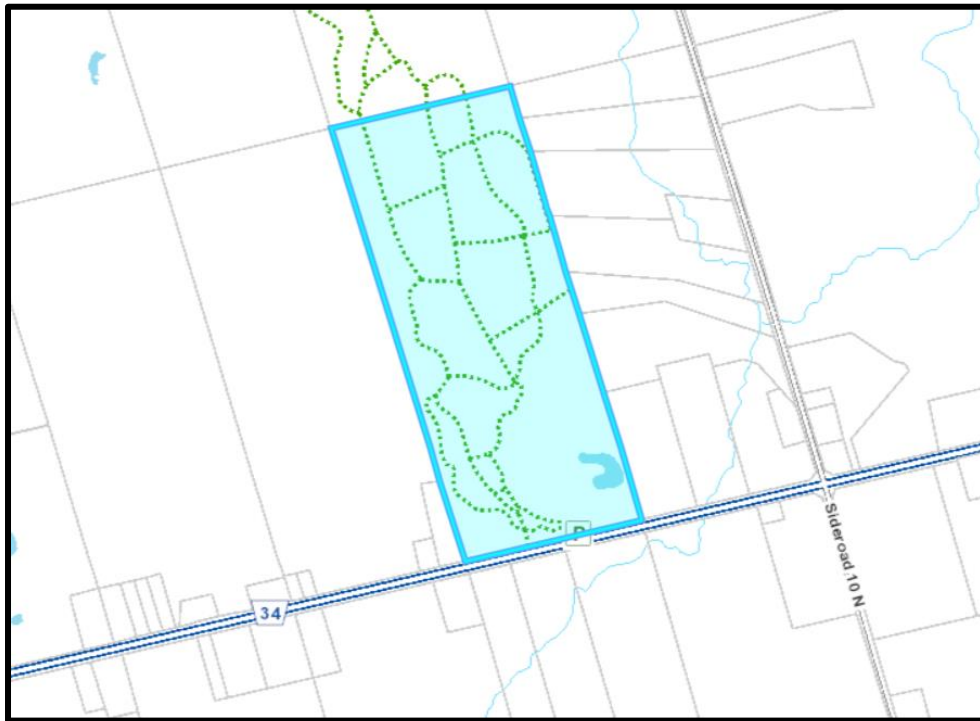


## THE TOWNSHIP OF PUSLINCH NOTICE OF INTENTION TO DESIGNATE 6710-6714 Wellington Road 34, Puslinch

**TAKE NOTICE** that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Puslinch intends to designate 6710-6714 Wellington Road 34, Puslinch, 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 Part Lot 10 Concession 3 Puslinch, Part 1 Plan 61R-21622 & Parts 9 & 13 Plan 61R20345; Township of Puslinch, municipally known as 6710-6714 Wellington Rd 34, Puslinch.



(Key Map Showing Location of 6710-6714 Wellington Rd 34)

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

The property located at 6710-6714 Wellington Road 34, Puslinch, meets the requirements for heritage designation prescribed by the Province of Ontario under the three categories of design/physical value, historical/associative value, and contextual value.

The property holds architectural value as an early extant stone cottage. It is historically associated with the Robert Little family who settled the property and farmed it for over a century. It is also associated with cheese production in Puslinch Township. The property is contextually related to other heritage properties in the Third Concession and the Puslinch Lake area, and with the County of Wellington Green Legacy Project.

*Design Value:*

The property represents a rare and early one and one-half-storey fieldstone, side gabled Ontario cottage style residence in Puslinch Township. Both front and rear facades have 3 bays with a central door bracketed by single symmetrical windows. Extremely large rough cut granite stones serve for quoins and foundations and the stone walls are coursed with smaller limestone and granite pieces parged and scored with lime mortar. All windows and doors with the exception of an upper window in the south facade have cut stone soldier lintels. The roof features large cornice returns. The structure was built in the early 1860s, replacing a log house. A much larger one and one-half storey stuccoed addition was built onto the south side of the cottage sometime in the 1870s-1880s but was demolished in the early twentieth century. The original stone cottage remnant was retained.

*Historical/Associative Value:*

The current property on Lot 9, Concession 3, was purchased from the Crown by Robert Little, an immigrant from Tyrone, Ireland, who arrived in the Township in 1839. Robert resided in this house while successfully operating a cheese factory situated on Rear Concession 2. It was the first cheese factory in Wellington County and the only one in Puslinch Township. The property was inherited by his son James who continued to farm the 200 acres. The Little family was active in local politics serving as Township councillors, magistrates and school trustees.

In the 1940s John Robert Little, grandson of Robert Little, donated the property to the County of Wellington to both honour his family and other settlers of Puslinch Township and to foster reforestation in the Township.

*Contextual Value:*

The property is located in an area of several other residences that retain cultural heritage value and dating back to the period of the construction of the Robert Little house in the early 1860s.

As part of its Green Legacy Program, the County of Wellington has established its tree nursery operation on this site. This tree nursery is the largest municipal tree planting programme in North America. The cottage serves as the headquarters for this operation. The property is also contextually associated with the County of Wellington Little Tract hiking trail that traverses part of the original Little 200 acres.

**Description of Heritage Attributes**

The following are to be considered as heritage attributes to be protected by a heritage designation by-law for 6710-6714 Wellington Road 34:

#### Robert Little House

- Original door and window fenestration
- Original foundation
- Stone used for exterior walls, quoins and lintels
- Height, scale, and massing of original one storey residence

#### **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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Municipal Clerk  
Township of Puslinch  
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CC: Property Owner  
Ontario Heritage Trust