



THE TOWNSHIP OF PUSLINCH NOTICE OF INTENTION TO DESIGNATE 845 Watson Road South, Puslinch

TAKE NOTICE that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Puslinch intends to designate at 845 Watson Rd S, 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 7, Concession 9, Township of Puslinch, as in RO705575; Township of Puslinch, municipally known as at 845 Watson Road South, Puslinch.



between the late 1850s and 1880s. The property holds historical significance with the educational history of the Arkell community. The property retains a contextual significance in its adjacency to the former Arkell School Section 1 building and the extant structures in this streetscape from the settlement period in Arkell.

Design Value:

The property includes an 1875 one and one-half storey limestone residence that is a representative example of the Gothic “Ontario House” vernacular architecture that predominated in Puslinch Township from the late 1850s to the 1880s. In keeping with this architectural style the residence form is a three bay front facade with centred doorway and single windows placed midpoint within the other two bays on the main level. The side-gabled roof has a central peaked gable with a gothic window below, located directly above the entrance. The front entrance door has a transom. Side walls have vertical windows placed symmetrically, two on each floor.

Notable masonry includes large limestone quoins at the corners, large tooled limestone block lintels and sills. The central gabled gothic window has a limestone voussoir treatment. Side soffits and cornices have been replaced or covered by aluminum siding, but the bargeboard scrollwork on the peaked gable appears to be original. A barn that was attached to the structure and present in 2000 appears to have been converted into living quarters.

Historical/ Associative Value:

Schoolhouse teachers often boarded in the community, but some local school boards within Puslinch Township erected a purpose-built residence for rent to the school teacher. 845 Watson Road South was built as a “teacherage” in 1875 by the S.S. 1 Arkell School Board on school property. An 1856 stone cottage on the property is recorded as a “teacherage.” It may have been replaced or reconstructed into the present 1875 building. Historical accounts note that Mr. Lamb was the one responsible for the construction in 1875, and the cost was over \$650.

Contextual Value:

The property remains adjacent to S.S.1, Arkell School, a designated property under the Ontario Heritage Act, and is part of a streetscape of heritage buildings in Arkell Village.

Description of Heritage Attributes

The following are to be considered as heritage attributes to be protected by a heritage designation by-law for 845 Watson Road South:

Arkell Teacherage

- Original doors and window fenestrations
- All original limestone masonry, including quoins, lintels, sills and voussoir
- Wood barge board in scroll pattern
- Height, scale, and massing of original one and a half storey “Ontario House” property

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