

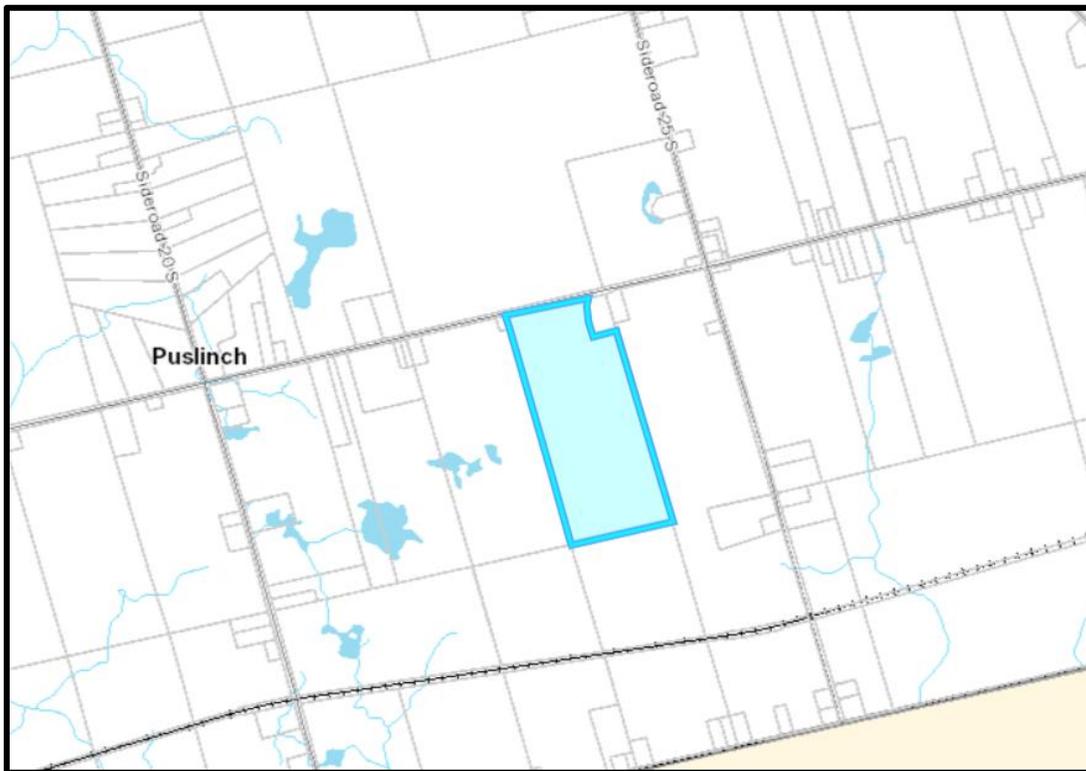


THE TOWNSHIP OF PUSLINCH NOTICE OF INTENTION TO DESIGNATE 7111 Concession 1, Puslinch

TAKE NOTICE that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Puslinch intends to designate at 7111 Concession 1, 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. 2026-039.

Description of the Property

The subject property is described as being Puslinch Concession Gore Part Lot 24;RP 61R11650 Part Part 1 and RP;61R20192 Part 1, municipally known as at 7111 Concession 1, Puslinch.



(Key Map Showing Location of 7111 Concession 1, Puslinch)

Short Statement of Cultural Heritage Value or Interest

The property situated at 7111 Concession 1, Puslinch, meets the requirements for designation prescribed by the Province of Ontario under the three categories of design/physical value, historical/associative value, and contextual value.

The property, situated on Lot 24, Rear Gore, holds considerable cultural heritage significance, primarily due to its connection with Scottish immigration, specifically that of the McDonalds, who were renowned stonemasons within the Township. Moreover, the

property serves as a remarkable representation of an Ontario farmhouse showcasing the distinctive architectural style prevalent in the region. It is further enhanced by its placement among a collection of other Scottish-style properties along Rear Gore. After the mid-19th century, the 1.5-storey, side gable house form with a centred front gable and a single-storey tail or wing became a predominant small house design in Ontario as it was highly functional bringing natural light to an upper hall and diverted runoff away from the front door.

Design Value:

The property stands as an exceptional and early specimen of a 1.5-storey, three-bay, side gable house with a side wing. The distinctive steep gable over the door is a departure from Georgian architecture and has become a well-known house form in Ontario. This is an excellent representative example of this Ontario farmhouse with a three-bay façade and roughly squared and smooth-dressed limestone exterior walls (with some granite accent stones) set in regular coursing with larger limestone quoin or corner blocks. A limestone chimney shaft rises from the peak of both gable walls and also from the end wall of the stone wing. The stone wing shows tape pointing on its front wall while the side and rear have been repointed less successfully with incised joint lines in heavily applied mortar. The windows have a dressed limestone keystone, voussoirs, and haunch stones to form beautifully crafted window and door heads. Within the front gable is a semi-circular arched window and all windows appear to have original louvered, wooden shutters with hangers. The paneled reveal of the central front entrance frame sidelights over a solid panel and a transom with an irregular pane arrangement over an original half-glass, two light, panel door.

Historical /Associative Value:

The property was established when settled by Duncan and Angus McDonald, Scottish immigrants who arrived in the mid-1840s. Both brothers were skilled stone masons, with Angus earning the title of "clachair" (stone mason). In 1863, they constructed the stone cottage, which served as a residence for several McDonald family members over the years. In 1950, it was sold to Bill and Teen McNichol, who later sold it in 1995.

Contextual Value:

The property helps to define the character of the area through its highly detailed construction, providing an example of specific Scottish stonemasonry in the Crieff area. In addition, the property maintains the character of the area given the form in which it was built as a typical Ontario farmhouse, which is related to many of the other adjacent properties along Rear Gore.

<p>1. The property has design value or physical value because it is a rare, unique, representative or early example of a style, type, expression, material or construction method.</p>	<p>Criteria met</p>	<p>The property has design value or physical value because it contains an excellent representative example of an Ontario farmhouse form constructed in limestone with granite accents.</p>
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2. The property has design value or physical value because it displays a high degree of craftsmanship or artistic merit.	Criteria met	The stonemasonry of the façade displays a high degree of craftsmanship.
3. The property has design value or physical value because it demonstrates a high degree of technical or scientific achievement.	Criteria not met	
4. The property has historical value or associative value because it has direct associations with a theme, event, belief, person, activity, organization or institution that is significant to a community	Criteria met	The property has historical value or associative value because it has direct associations with the theme of Scottish settlement in the Crieff area of the Township of Puslinch.
5. The property has historical value or associative value because it yields, or has the potential to yield, information that contributes to an understanding of a community or culture.	Criteria not met	
6. The property has historical value or associative value because it demonstrates or reflects the work or ideas of an architect, artist, builder, designer or theorist who is significant to a community.	Criteria not met	
7. The property has contextual value because it is important in defining, maintaining or supporting the character of an area.	Criteria met	The property has contextual value because it is an important extant built heritage element that helps define, maintain and support the historical agricultural landscape character of the area. The property's presence serves as a testament to the exceptional skills and construction techniques employed by Scottish settlers.
8. The property has contextual value because it is physically, functionally, visually or historically linked to its surroundings.	Criteria not met	
9. The property has contextual value because it is a landmark.	Criteria not met	

Description of Heritage Attributes

The following are to be considered as heritage attributes to be protected by a heritage designation by-law for 7111 Concession 1:

Duncan McDonald House:

- Height, scale, and massing of the original 1.5-storey, three-bay, side gable house with a side wing
- Roughly squared and smooth-dressed limestone exterior walls (with some granite accent stones) set in regular coursing with larger limestone quoin or corner blocks.
- Limestone chimney shaft at the peak of both gable walls and also from the end wall of the stone wing.
- Original windows and doors including dressed limestone keystone, voussoirs, and haunch stones
- Semi-circular arched window within the front gable
- Original louvered, wooden shutters with hangers
- Paneled reveal of the central front entrance framing sidelights over a solid panel and a transom with an irregular pane arrangement over an original half-glass, two light, panel door
- Original stone foundation

It is intended that non-original features may be returned to document earlier designs or to their document original without requiring Council to amend the designating by-law.

Notice of Objection

Any person may send a notice of objection to this proposed designation, before 4:00 p.m. on March 14, 2026. 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.

February 12, 2026

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CC: Property Owner
Ontario Heritage Trust