



constructed has physical value in its design, use of stone building material and remarkable craftsmanship as a representative example of an Ontario farmhouse.

After the mid-19<sup>th</sup> 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/Physical Value:

The William Thompson farmhouse is a representative example of a 1.5-storey, Ontario stone farmhouse with a three-bay front façade and a side gable roof with an open cornice. A pointed or Gothic arch of cut and dressed limestone voussoirs is within the front gable over a modern door onto a modern porch balcony. The façade, front door and windows have quoins of cut and dressed limestone. The two front windows have a flat or jack arch constructed in limestone with a keystone between four voussoirs and two haunch stones. The windows have a limestone lug sill.

The impressive façade was constructed using roughly squared, split-faced granite with varied colouration in even horizontal courses finished with incised joints and white tape pointing. An important architectural feature of the façade stonework is what has been referred to as Edinburgh coursing or the occasional use of two smaller stones with mortar joints that create an “H” shape within each horizontal course.

The side gable walls and rear wall are of mixed fieldstone rubblework. The windows of the north gable wall have wooden lintels and wood lug sills whereas those of the south gable are of stone. The rear wall presents evidence of a formerly symmetrical fenestration. In the upper middle of the wall just under the soffit is a semi-circular arch that has been filled in with small fieldstones over a dressed limestone sill. The door on the left filled in an earlier opening below a flat arch of five stones that matches the arch of the rear window on the right. The middle rear window head is lower but still appears to be early or original as it too has a five-stone arch.

#### Historical/ Associative Value:

The property, located on Lot 11, Concession 4, was originally settled on by William Thompson, an immigrant from England who came to the Township in 1833. Prior to the construction of the stone residence, the Thompson family lived in a log house, which unfortunately burned down in 1874. In response to the fire, the stone house was promptly erected in 1875.

The Thompson family continued to reside in the property until the beginning of the 20<sup>th</sup> century. By 1906 Adam Brickel is indicated as the property owner in the map of the Township of Puslinch in the Historical Atlas of the County of Wellington. By the 1950s, ownership had passed to Mrs. Lynch.

#### Contextual Value:

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.

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| <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 a representative example of excellent Ontario farmhouse form constructed in granite with limestone trim.</p>                        |
| <p>2. The property has design value or physical value because it displays a high degree of craftsmanship or artistic merit.</p>   | <p>Criteria met</p>     | <p>The construction of the façade displays a high degree of craftsmanship.</p>   |
| <p>3. The property has design value or physical value because it demonstrates a high degree of technical or scientific achievement.</p>   | <p>Criteria not met</p> |  |
| <p>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</p> | <p>Criteria met</p>     | <p>The property has historical value or associative value because it has direct associations with the theme of Scottish settlement in the Township of Puslinch,</p>  |
| <p>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.</p>                    | <p>Criteria not met</p> |  |
| <p>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.</p>  | <p>Criteria not met</p> |  |
| <p>7. The property has contextual value because it is important in defining, maintaining or supporting the character of an area.</p>  | <p>Criteria met</p>     | <p>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</p> |

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| 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 4661 Sideroad 10 North:

- 1.5-storey, Ontario stone farmhouse
- 3-bay front façade with a side gable roof and open cornice.
- Pointed or Gothic arch of cut and dressed limestone voussoirs within the front gable
- Cut and dressed limestone quoins on front corners and front door and front windows.
- Front windows with flat or jack arches in limestone with keystone between four voussoirs and two haunch stones above a limestone lug sill.
- Façade constructed using roughly squared, split-faced granite with varied colouration in even horizontal courses finished with incised joints with white tape pointing and Edinburgh coursing or the occasional use of two smaller stones with mortar joints that create an “H” shape within each horizontal course.
- Side gable walls and rear wall of mixed fieldstone rubblework
- Semi-circular arch of dressed limestone blocks over a dressed limestone sill under the rear soffit.
- Original flat, five-stone arches on rear wall.
- 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