

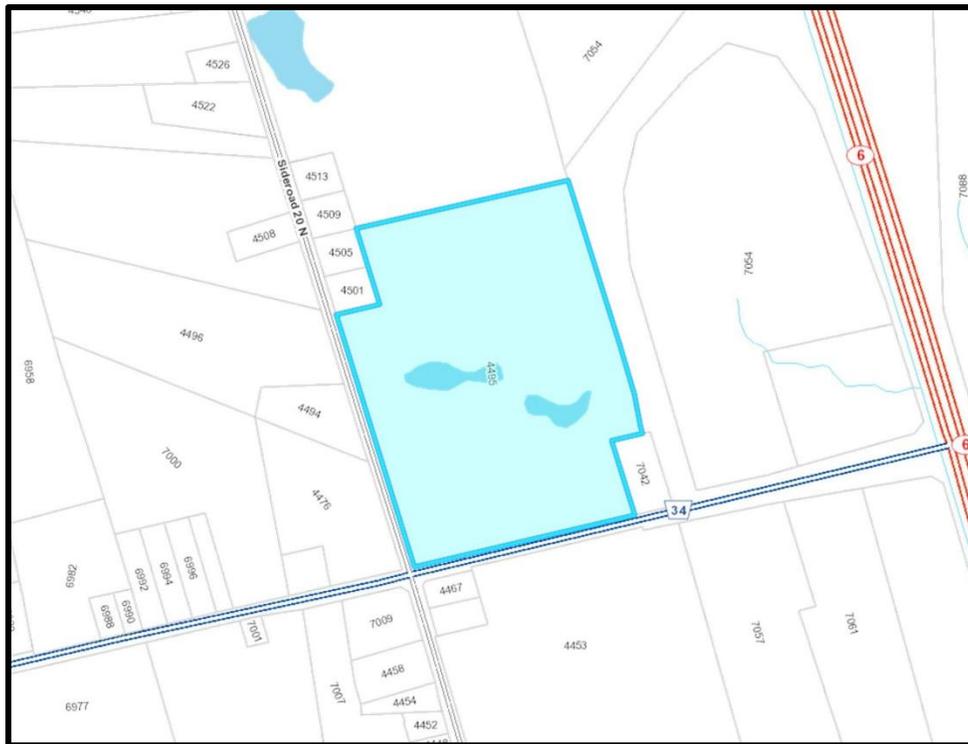


THE TOWNSHIP OF PUSLINCH NOTICE OF INTENTION TO DESIGNATE 4495 Sideroad 20 North, Puslinch

TAKE NOTICE that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Puslinch intends to designate 4495 Sideroad 20 North, 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. 2026-040.

Description of the Property

The subject property is described as being Concession 3 Part Lot 21, municipally known as 4495 Sideroad 20 North.



(Key Map Showing Location of 4495 Sideroad 20 North)

Short Statement of Cultural Heritage Value or Interest

The property located at 4495 Sideroad 20 North, Puslinch, has been determined to have cultural heritage value or interest as it meets four of the nine criteria prescribed by Ontario Regulation 9/06 under the Ontario Heritage Act.

The property contains the Donald Cameron farmhouse and holds cultural heritage value as it is closely associated with Scottish settlement in the area, particularly by members of the Cameron family, who were among the Township's earliest settlers. The farmhouse has physical value in its design, use of stone building material and

remarkable craftsmanship as an early and representative example of an Ontario farmhouse.

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/Physical Value:

The Donald Cameron farmhouse stands as a representative example of a typical Ontario stone farmhouse. The exterior presents a 1.5-storey, medium pitch side gable roof over a three-bay front façade. A limestone chimney rises from the peak of both side gables. The end gables have return eaves with a cornice that continues around the front and rear soffits of the house. A semi-circular arched window with cut limestone voussoirs is within the front gable with a fanlight over a 6-over-6 hung sash. The front windows are hung sashes with 12-over-12 panes which, if not original, are typical for window sashes of this size in this period. The central entrance door is within a deep reveal with a transom and sidelights. The impressive façade was constructed using roughly squared and evenly coursed granite and limestone blocks with varied colouration. The side gable walls are of mixed fieldstone rubblework.

Historical/Associative Value:

The property, located on Lot 21, Concession 3, holds a rich history that dates back to the settlement of patriarch Roderick Cameron, who immigrated from Scotland to Puslinch with his family around 1833. The 1861 Census indicated Roderick's son Donald Cameron living with his family in a log house. In 1863, the current stone property was constructed. Donald resided on the farm, raising his family there. By 1906 Hugh Ross is indicated as the property owner in the map of the Township of Puslinch in the Historical Atlas of the County of Wellington.

Contextual Value:

The building's presence serves as a testament to the exceptional skills and construction techniques employed by Scottish settlers. This cohesive architectural thread contributes significantly to preserving a particular architectural character that emerged through the craftsmanship of Scottish masons within the Township.

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.

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.	Criteria met	The property has design value or physical value because it contains an early and excellent representative example of an Ontario farmhouse form constructed in granite with limestone trim.
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<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 property's presence serves as a testament to the exceptional skills and construction techniques employed by Scottish settlers.</p>
<p>8. The property has contextual value because it is physically, functionally, visually or historically linked to its surroundings.</p>	<p>Criteria not met</p>	
<p>9. The property has contextual value because it is a landmark.</p>	<p>Criteria not met</p>	

Description of Heritage Attributes

The following are to be considered as heritage attributes to be protected by a heritage designation by-law for 4495 Sideroad 20 North:

Donald Cameron House:

- Height, scale, massing of the original 1.5-storey building
- Dressed limestone chimney shaft rises from both end gable walls
- Return eaves with a cornice the continues around the front and rear soffits of the house
- Three-bay front façade
- Original stone exterior walls including roughly squared granite stone blocks laid in even courses on the façade; random rubblestone construction pattern on the side and rear elevations; large solid stone lintels and stone sills on all elevations used in the construction of the walls
- Original fenestration (location and sizes of all original window and door openings)
- Semi-circular arched window head with cut limestone voussoirs within the front gable with a fanlight over a 6-over-6 hung sash
- Central front door entrance within a deep reveal with glass paned sidelights and rectangular six-pane transom centered over a recessed panel solid wood entrance door.
- Original semi-circular arch shaped window opening in the front gable.
- Any remaining original doors and wood window sashes and the appearance of twelve-over-twelve wood window sashes in the main floor façade.
- 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

Justine Brotherston
Municipal Clerk

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CC: Property Owner
Ontario Heritage Trust