



THE TOWNSHIP OF PUSLINCH NOTICE OF INTENTION TO DESIGNATE 5 Victoria Street, Morriston

TAKE NOTICE that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Puslinch intends to designate 5 Victoria Street, Morriston, 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 Plan 135, Lot 31 municipally known as 5 Victoria Street, Morriston.



(Key Map Showing Location of 5 Victoria Street, Morriston)

Short Statement of Cultural Heritage Value or Interest

The property located at 5 Victoria Street, Morriston, Puslinch has been determined to have cultural heritage value or interest as it meets three of the nine criteria prescribed by Ontario Regulation 9/06 under the Ontario Heritage Act.

Design/Physical Value:

The subject property contains a log house with significant cultural heritage design value due to its architectural rarity: it is one of the few remaining log houses known to exist in the Township of Puslinch. The property is historically associated with the Schlegel

Family and German immigration to Puslinch. The property is listed on the Township of Puslinch Municipal Heritage Register and has received a plaque from the Township's Heritage Advisory Committee for its cultural heritage value.

Log cabins and log house residences were the predominant residential construction method in Puslinch Township from the earliest European settlement in the 1820s until the latter part of the nineteenth century. Their design illustrates the function of environment, technology and community effort on vernacular architecture in the settlement period. Despite being ubiquitous in the mid-1800s, very few of these architectural forms are known to have survived. It is possible that more log houses may be discovered when subsequent claddings are removed from older buildings to reveal original construction.

Design/Physical Value:

The building at 5 Victoria Street is a rare example of a 1.5-storey log house constructed c. 1853-54 of horizontal cedar logs laid with lap-keyed corners and plaster chinking. Unlike angled dovetail corners, lap-keyed corners are not as effective at resisting lateral movement as they don't lock the members as tightly to one another. For many years the house had been covered by siding. More recently the log exterior has been uncovered.

Historical/Associative Value:

The property, located at 5 Victoria Street, Morriston was built by Lawrence (Lorenz) Schlegel when he and his family moved from Germany to Morriston c. 1853-1854. Lawrence, born 1813, was a weaver and operated out of his house. During his family's time in the cabin, they were housing up to two other families: the Fisher family and the Kistenmacher family. Frank Kistenmacher Sr. was a German cabinet maker, or "kistenmacher", who moved into the Schlegel log house with his family when they immigrated to Morriston in 1854. Eventually, the Kistenmacher's bought the lot across from the Schlegel's.

Contextual Value:

The Schlegel log house has contextual value because it is believed to be in its original location and as an early building it is important in defining, maintaining and supporting the character of Victoria Street as a historic streetscape area in Morriston.

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 Schlegel log house has design or physical value because it is a rare, early and representative example of residential log construction method in Morriston.
2. The property has design value or physical value because it displays a high degree of craftsmanship or artistic merit.	Criteria not met	
3. The property has design value or physical value because it	Criteria not met	

demonstrates a high degree of technical or scientific achievement.		
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 Schlegel log house has historical value or associative value because of direct associations with the Schlegel, Kistenmacher and Fischer families. The significance these families have to the community of Morriston and the Township of Puslinch is characterized as being part of the theme of early German settlement in Morriston. Lorenz Schlegel is associated with the cottage weaving industry in 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 Schlegel log house has contextual value because it is believed to be in its original location and as an early building it is important in defining, maintaining and supporting the character of Victoria Street as a historic streetscape area in Morriston.
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 5 Victoria St:

Schlegel Log House:

- Height, scale, and massing of the 1.5- storey, log house
- All exterior log walls with traditional chinking
- Size and arrangement of original door and window openings.
- Fieldstone 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