



THE TOWNSHIP OF PUSLINCH NOTICE OF INTENTION TO DESIGNATE 4715 Watson Road South, Puslinch

TAKE NOTICE that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Puslinch intends to designate 4715 Watson Road South, 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. 2026-039.

Description of the Property

The subject property is described as being Rear Concession 10 Part Lot 11, municipally known as 4715 Watson Road South.



associative value showing the development of William Hume's son Peter Hume who would go on to become a well-known stonemason and builder in the Township of Puslinch.

Design Value:

The property is a representative and rare example of a two-storey, side gable Georgian-style farmhouse, constructed in local fieldstone with limestone trim. The stone exterior consists of a three-bay front façade, and a side gable roof with matching chimneys of squared limestone rising from the peak of the gable walls. Near the peak of both gable walls, two vertical openings or "slits" intended to ventilate the attic area. These slits are rare in farmhouse design and more common in stone barn design in the mid-19th century. A stone slit barn built between 1868 and 1871 was previously on the property near the farmhouse but has been demolished.

The half-glass front door has raised panels and is within a transom and sidelights below a flat, jack arch head with seven tapered limestone voussoirs between two haunch stones that project over the door opening. The flat headed front windows have solid stone lintels over limestone lug sills.

The façade was constructed using roughly coursed blocks of split-faced granite and limestone with varied colouration. The corners are constructed with roughly squared limestone blocks of irregular sizes. The side gable walls are also roughly course with a mix of smaller units of granite and limestone. The farmhouse has a single-storey kitchen wing extending from the south gable wall which is also constructed in mixed fieldstone.

On the north gable wall of the farmhouse is evidence of a former second storey window (just to the right of centre) that has been filled in with stone. The original front window of the kitchen wing is seen in Couling's photo from the 1970s which has since been replaced with a set of five modern casement sashes over a long, stone lug sill. The flat roof porch over the front door with free-standing and engaged columns has been added since the 1970s.

Historical / Associative Value:

The property was settled on by Peter Hume and his family, who came to the Arkell area from Northumberland, Scotland in 1831. Upon arriving in the Township, Peter Hume had acquired several lots, including Front and Rear of Lot 11, Concession 10, and Front of Lot 12, Concession 10. Eventually, Peter Hume's sons inherited these lots. By the time Peter's son William married Ann Anderson, he began living on Lot 11, Front Concession 10. The 1861 Census of the Township of Puslinch indicates William and Ann living in a single-storey log house with their six children ranging in age from 7 to 19. The Census indicates the stone house was under construction in that year. It is believed that their oldest son Peter Hume at 19 years of age was involved in the building of the stone house. Peter Hume who would go on to become a well-known stonemason and builder in the Township of Puslinch. The property was farmed by William, Ann, and then by their son David who passed it down to his son Boyd Hume. The farm specialized in raising Oxford-down sheep and was known as "Greystone".

Contextual Value:

The property stands alongside various other mid-19th century farmhouses that were formative in shaping the Arkell region. Specifically, the property's architectural style is related to a series of other Georgian-style houses in the vicinity, reflecting the influence that Scottish immigrants had on farmhouse construction in Arkell. A good example of this is the James Orme farmhouse and barns in Lot 7 of Concession 10. The property served as a farm for agriculture and breeding of stock for the Hume family for generations.

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 is met	The property has design value or physical value because it is a representative and rare example of a granite and limestone farmhouse constructed in Georgian Revival style. Its design is rare in the use of vertical slits in the stone walls for ventilation of the attic.
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 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 farmhouse has historical value or associative value because it has direct associations with the theme of early settlement of Scottish immigrants who constructed stone farm dwellings within the Arkell community.
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	Criteria not met	The farmhouse has historical value or associative value as it was

ideas of an architect, artist, builder, designer or theorist who is significant to a community.		built by Peter Hume, a well-known local Puslinch stonemason.
7. The property has contextual value because it is important in defining, maintaining or supporting the character of an area.	Criteria met	The farmhouse's architectural style is related to a series of other Georgian Revival style farmhouses in its immediate vicinity, reflecting the influence that Scottish immigrants had on farmhouse construction in the Arkell area. The property contributes to the overall historic streetscape as an extant element of the original 19 th century agricultural landscape.
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 the William Hume House at 4715 Watson Rd S:

- Original form of the two-storey, side gable Georgian-style farmhouse, constructed in local fieldstone with limestone trim
- Three-bay front façade with side gable roof with matching chimneys of squared limestone rising from the peak of the gable walls
- Two vertical openings or “slits” intended to ventilate the attic area near the peak of both gable walls
- Half-glass front door with raised panels within a transom and sidelights below a flat, jack arch head with seven tapered limestone voussoirs between two haunch stones that project over the door opening
- Flat headed front windows with solid stone lintels over limestone lug sills
- Façade constructed using roughly coursed blocks of split-faced granite and limestone with varied colouration.
- Corners are constructed with roughly squared limestone blocks of irregular sizes
- The side gable walls are also roughly course with a mix of smaller units of granite and limestone.

- Single-storey kitchen wing extending from the south gable wall which is also constructed in mixed fieldstone.
- All original, extant door and window fenestration or openings
- 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