



## **Notice of Passing of Designation By-law – 7111 Concession 1, Puslinch**

### **NOTICE OF PASSING OF DESIGNATION BY-LAW 2026-022**

TAKE NOTICE that Council for the Township of Puslinch passed Designation By-law 2026-022 on May 6, 2026, which designates the lands, buildings and structures located at PUSLINCH CON GORE PT LOT 24;RP 61R11650 PT PART 1 AND RP;61R20192 PART 1, Township of Puslinch, known municipally as 7111 Concession 1, Puslinch, under Part IV, Section 29 of the Ontario Heritage Act, R.S.O. 1990, c.O.18, as amended, as a property of cultural heritage value or interest.

#### **IF YOU WISH TO APPEAL TO THE ONTARIO LAND TRIBUNAL:**

Take notice that an appeal of the Designation by-law for the Property by those persons permitted to appeal under section 29 of the Ontario Heritage Act may be made by filing a notice of appeal with the Municipal Clerk, Township of Puslinch 7404 Wellington Road 34, Puslinch, Ontario, N0B 2J0; Email: [admin@puslinch.ca](mailto:admin@puslinch.ca) within thirty days of May 13, 2026, which is June 12, 2026.

#### **A Notice of Appeal must:**

- (1) set out the reasons for the objection to the designation by-law; and
- (2) set out the reasons in support of the objection to the designation by-law.

If you wish to appeal to the Ontario Land Tribunal (OLT), forms are available from the Ontario Land Tribunal website at <https://olt.gov.on.ca>

#### **Who Can File An Appeal:**

Any persons who objected to the designation by-law may refer the matter to the Ontario Land Tribunal.

#### **Getting Additional Information:**

A copy of the by-law and background information about the designation is available for public inspection by contacting the Administration Department at [admin@puslinch.ca](mailto:admin@puslinch.ca).

**THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF PUSLINCH**

**BY-LAW NUMBER 2026-022**

Being a by-law to authorize the designation of real property located at 7111 Concession 1, Puslinch, as the property of cultural heritage value or interest under Section 29 Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act, R.S.O. 1990, c. O.18

**WHEREAS** the Ontario Heritage Act, R.S.O. 1990, c. O.18 authorizes a municipality to designate a property within the municipality to be of cultural heritage interest if the property meets the prescribed criteria and the designation is made in accordance with the process set out in the Ontario Heritage Act;

**AND WHEREAS** the Council for the Corporation of the Township of Puslinch, in consultation with the Puslinch Heritage Advisory Committee, deems 7111 Concession 1 to be of cultural heritage interest in accordance with the prescribed criteria by the Ontario Heritage Act, R.S.O. 1990, c. O.18;

**AND WHEREAS** the Council for the Corporation of the Township of Puslinch did give notice of its intention to designate the property mentioned in section 1 of this by-law in accordance with subsection 29(3) of the Ontario Heritage Act, R.S.O. 1990, c. O.18;

**NOW THEREFORE** the Corporation of the Township of Puslinch hereby enacts as follows:

1. That the property located at 7111 Concession 1 and more particularly described in Schedule "A" hereto annexed and forming part of this by-law, is hereby designated as property of cultural heritage value.
2. That the Municipal Clerk is hereby authorized and directed,
  - a. to cause a copy of this by-law, together with reasons for the designation, to be served on the subject property owner and The Ontario Heritage Trust by personal service or by registered mail;
  - b. to publish a notice of this by-law once in a newspaper having general circulation in the Township of Puslinch.
3. That the Municipal Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to cause a copy of this bylaw, together with the statement of cultural heritage value or interest and description of heritage attributes set out in Schedule "B" hereto annexed and forming part of this bylaw, to be registered against the property affected in the proper land registry office.

READ A FIRST, SECOND AND THIRD TIME AND FINALLY PASSED THIS 6<sup>th</sup> DAY OF MAY 2026.

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James Seeley, Mayor

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Justine Brotherston, Clerk

Schedule "A"  
To  
By-law Number 2026-022

7111 Concession 1,  
Puslinch

PIN: 71203-0114

Legal Description: PUSLINCH CON GORE PT LOT 24;RP 61R11650 PT PART 1 AND  
RP;61R20192 PART 1

Schedule "B"  
To  
By-law Number 2026-022

7111 Concession 1,  
Puslinch

**STATEMENT OF CULTURAL HERITAGE VALUE OR INTEREST AND DESCRIPTION OF HERITAGE ATTRIBUTES**

**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 centered 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 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.

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| 1. The property has design value or physical value because it is a rare, unique, representative or early example of a style, | Criteria met | The property has design value or physical value because it contains an excellent representative example of an |
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| type, expression, material or construction method.   |                  | Ontario farmhouse form constructed in limestone with granite accents.  |
| 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.