TOWNSHIP OF
PUSLINCH
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Notice of Passing of Designation By-law – 7737 Stone Road East, Puslinch

NOTICE OF PASSING OF DESIGNATION BY-LAW 2026-028

TAKE NOTICE that Council for the Township of Puslinch passed Designation By-law 2026-028 on May 6, 2026, which designates the lands, buildings and structures located at PART LOT 1 CON 10 PUSLINCH PTS 1 & 4 61R7006 EXCEPT PTS 2 & 3 61R9659; EXCEPT PT 1 61R21488; PUSLINCH AND CITY OF GUELPH, known municipally as 7737 Stone Road East 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 within thirty days of May 13, 2026 which is Juen 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.

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF PUSLINCH

BY-LAW NUMBER 2026-028

Being a by-law to authorize the designation of real property located at 7737 Stone Road East, 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 7737 Stone Road East 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 7737 Stone Road East 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 6th DAY OF MAY 2026.

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James Seeley, Mayor

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Justine Brotherston, Clerk

Schedule “A”
To
By-law Number 2026-028

7737 Stone Road East,
Puslinch

PIN: 71184-0046

Legal Description: PART LOT 1 CON 10 PUSLINCH PTS 1 & 4 61R7006 EXCEPT PTS 2 & 3 61R9659; EXCEPT PT 1 61R21488; PUSLINCH AND CITY OF GUELPH

Schedule “B”
To
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7737 Stone Road East,
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 7737 Stone Road East, Puslinch, has been determined to have cultural heritage value or interest as it meets five of the nine criteria prescribed by Ontario Regulation 9/06 under the Ontario Heritage Act.

The property, situated in Lot 1 of Concession 10, contains the John Gordon farmhouse which holds significant cultural heritage value as it is closely associated with Irish settlement in the Arkell area, particularly by members of the Gordon family, who were among the Township’s earliest settlers. The farmhouse has physical value in its design, use of stone building material with a remarkable level of craftsmanship and historical and associative value in how it showcases the exceptional work of a local stonemason and builder.

Design Value:
The John Gordon farmhouse stands as an excellent representative example of a typical Ontario stone 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.

The main portion of the house has a 1.5-storey, medium pitch, side gable roof over a three-bay front façade. The farmhouse has a T-shaped footprint with a single-storey kitchen tail extending at the rear. All windows and doors in the façade and north gable wall and tail have cut limestone voussoirs, quoins and lug sills. A pointed or Gothic arched window is within the centre gable of the facade. The front door has a transom and sidelights below a low camber jack arch head with eleven tapered limestone voussoirs. The heads of the two front windows are similar to the front door but with seven voussoirs between limestone haunch stones that give the impression of a Welsh arch. The impressive façade was constructed using roughly squared and evenly coursed blocks of split-faced granite with varied colouration. Three small stones were stacked between each large piece of granite creating a distinctive masonry pattern.

The side gable walls are also of mixed granite with some areas coursed and a random placement of smaller stones in the lower and higher areas of the wall.
A large chimney of limestone and granite rises from the rear wall near and in line with the north wall of the kitchen tail. This unusual location for a chimney likely means it was not built as part of the original farmhouse.

Historical/ Associative Value:
John Gordon, originally from County Antrim, Ireland, settled with his brother William in the Arkell area in 1827 as one of the Township's earliest settlers. The 1861 Census indicated John Gordon (55 years old) living in a single-storey log house with his wife Rebecca (27 years) and nine children ranging from 4 to 22 years of age. After John Gordon’s death in 1862, the farm property stayed in the family for more than 100 years with ownership granted to John Gordon Jr. (born in 1848) and then to James R. Gordon in 1923 who would finally sell the farmstead in the early 1980s.

The stone farmhouse was built in 1872 for John Gordon Jr. (not far from the original log house) by Peter Hume, a local Puslinch stonemason who is known to have constructed a similar farmhouse in 1870 for Duncan McFarlane.

Contextual Value:
The Gordon farm is indicated as “Prospect Point” on the map of the Township of Puslinch in the 1906 Historical Atlas of Wellington County - the farmhouse front faces west on a gentle hillside, while the kitchen tail faces north to what is now Stone Road East.

The property contributes to the historical agricultural landscape character of the area. The prevalent architectural style in this area is the Ontario farmhouse form which visually represents the architectural methods and efforts of the time within the community. Many other properties in close proximity were constructed in similar architectural style, collectively establishing a distinct character for 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 is a representative example of a granite and limestone farmhouse constructed in Gothic Revival style.
2. The property has design value or physical value because it displays a high degree of craftsmanship or artistic merit.	Criteria met	The property has design value or physical value because it displays a high degree of craftsmanship being constructed with roughly squared and evenly coursed blocks of split-faced granite with varied colouration. Three small stones were stacked between each large piece of granite creating a distinctive masonry pattern. The farmhouse has cut limestone voussoirs, quoins and lug sills.
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 Irish and 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 ideas of an architect, artist, builder, designer or theorist who is significant to a community.	Criteria not met	The farmhouse has historical value or associative value as it was 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 was oriented with its front facing west on a gentle hillside, while the kitchen tail faces north to what is now Stone Road East and contributes to the overall streetscape and the

		original 19th 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 7737 Stone Rd E:

John Gordon House:

- Original farmhouse form, including 1.5-storey, medium pitch side gable roof over a three-bay front façade and the T-shaped footprint with a single-storey kitchen tail extending at the rear
- All original windows and doors in the façade, north gable wall and tail with cut limestone voussoirs, quoins and lug sills
- A pointed or Gothic arched window within a centre gable in the façade
- Front door with transom and sidelights below a low camber jack arch head with eleven tapered limestone voussoirs
- Front windows with seven limestone voussoirs between limestone haunch stones that give the impression of a Welsh arch
- Façade constructed using roughly squared and evenly coursed blocks of split-faced granite with varied colouration. Three small stones stacked between each large piece of granite creating a distinctive masonry pattern.
- Side gable walls of mixed granite with some areas coursed and a random placement of smaller stones in the lower and higher areas of the 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.