

# Advisory Committee of Council Staff Report



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To Heritage Guelph  
Date Monday, September 11, 2023  
Subject **2187 Gordon Street: Heritage Attributes and Designation Recommendation**

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## Recommendation

1. THAT Heritage Guelph supports the heritage attributes identified for 2187 Gordon Street as outlined in the staff report dated September 11, 2023; and
  2. THAT Heritage Guelph recommends that City Council give notice of its intention to designate 2187 Gordon Street pursuant to Part IV, Section 29 of the Ontario Heritage Act
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## Executive Summary

### Purpose of Report

2187 Gordon Street is listed as a non-designated built heritage resource on the City of Guelph's Municipal Register of Cultural Heritage Properties under Part IV, Section 27 of the Ontario Heritage Act. This report recommends that 2187 Gordon Street meets six of the prescribed criteria for determining cultural heritage value or interest, in accordance with Ontario Regulation 9/06 (as amended by O Reg. 569/22) made under the Ontario Heritage Act. This staff report provides a draft list of heritage attributes and staff's recommendation that City Council give notice of its intention to designate 2187 Gordon Street pursuant to Part IV, Section 29 of the Ontario Heritage Act.

### Strategic Plan Alignment

The recommendations of this report support the Strategic Theme of City Building. Conservation of cultural heritage resources in the City of Guelph is aligned with improving housing supply by building and maintaining vibrant and resilient communities.

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## Report

### Location

The subject property is located on the west side of Gordon Street, north of Maltby Road, south of Clair Road West and east of Hanlon Parkway (Attachment-1: Figure 1). The legal description of the property is Part Lot 14, Concession 7, designated as Part 1, Reference Plan 61R-21631, formerly Township of Puslinch, City of Guelph (Attachment-1: Figure 3)

## **Heritage Attributes**

The following elements of the property at 2187 Gordon Street should be considered as heritage attributes in a designation under Part IV, Section 29 of the Ontario Heritage Act:

### Stone slot bank barn

- Three door openings on the south (lower) wall and the upper door in the south wall.
- Original form of the bank barn with an end gable roofline and single-storey north wall and 2-storey south wall.
- Location and orientation of the stone bank barn to maintain the building as being built across a slope.
- Exterior and interior of all extant stone walls of the slot bank barn.
- All original slot ventilation openings and window and door openings seen in exterior and interior of extant stone walls (west gable wall, east gable interior wall and the two-storey south wall).

### Heavy timber bank barn addition

- Original form of the heavy timber bank barn addition with its gable roofline and single-storey north wall and 2-storey south wall.
- Location and orientation of the heavy timber bank barn addition to maintain the building as being built into the slope.
- Vertically oriented exterior wood board cladding
- Extant cutouts in vertical boards of the upper north and south gable walls that create the shape of a Florian cross.
- Original heavy timber framing members – including pole rafters, and hand-hewn posts and beams and original joinery.
- Tape pointed stone wall exterior of lower level.
- Imbrication pattern created by pressed metal sheets cladding the roof.

### Blair farmhouse

- Original 2-storey form of the house with a hip roof and L-plan.
- Exterior walls constructed of formed in place concrete covered with a render that is incised with a pattern that mimics ashlar stone.

## **Staff Recommendation**

Staff have completed an evaluation of the subject property and determined that the property at 2187 Gordon Street meets six of the prescribed criteria for determining cultural heritage value or interest, according to Ontario Regulation 9/06 (as amended by O. Reg 569/22). Staff recommend that the property should be designated under Part IV, Section 29 of the Ontario Heritage Act.

## **Departmental Approval**

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