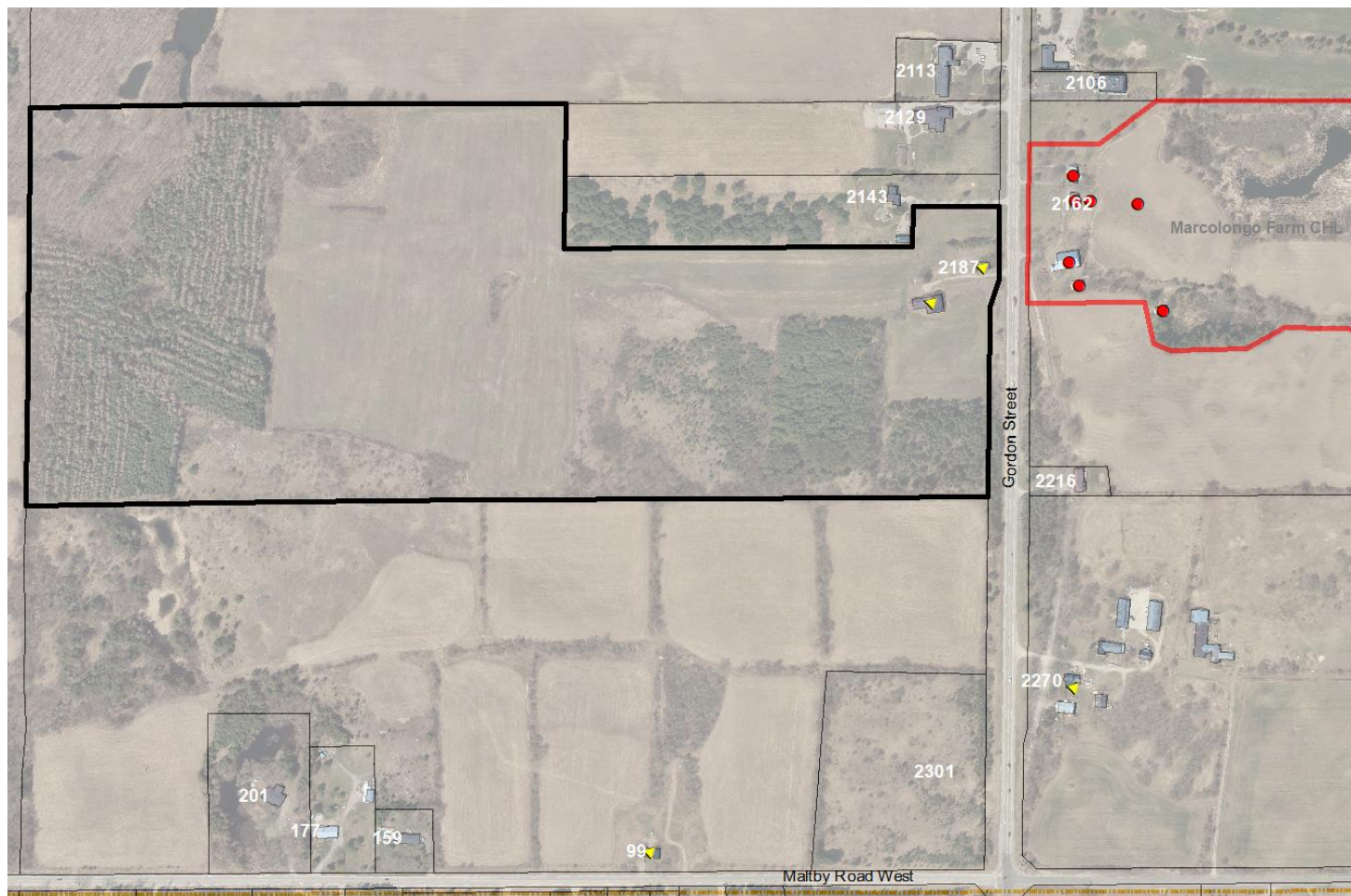


2187 Gordon Street Notice of Intention to Designate

City Council

October 17, 2023

Property location



2187 Gordon Street – Listed Heritage Resource

Kidd barn and Blair farmhouse

The Kidd barn and the Blair farmhouse at 2187 Gordon Street are listed as non-designated built heritage resources on the City of Guelph's Municipal Register of Cultural Heritage Properties under Part IV, Section 27 of the Ontario Heritage Act.

A property may be protected by designation under Part IV, Section 29 of the Ontario Heritage Act if it meets at two or more of the criteria for determining cultural heritage value or interest as prescribed by Ontario Regulation 9/06 (as amended by Ontario Regulation 569/22).



Kidd Barn

City of Guelph Inventory of Heritage Structures (2003)



View from laneway
(July 27, 2023)

Stone slot bank barn



(June 17, 2019)

Blair farmhouse

City of Guelph Inventory of Heritage Structures (2003)



(January 24, 2019)



Location of subject buildings

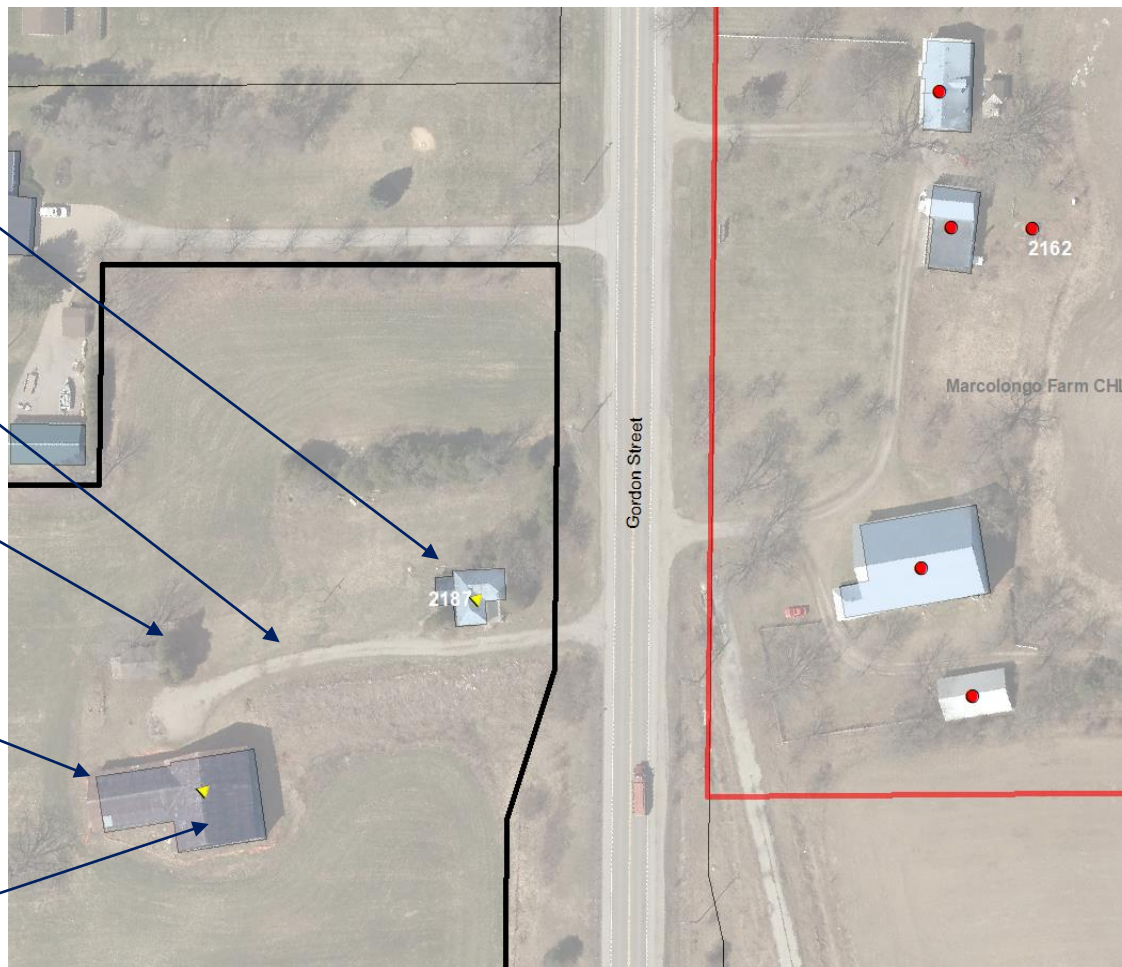
farmhouse

laneway

shed

stone slot
bank barn

timber frame bank
barn (addition)



Statement of Significance

Heritage planning staff, in consultation with Heritage Guelph, prepared a cultural heritage evaluation of 2187 Gordon Street.

The subject property is worthy of designation under Part IV, Section 29 of the Ontario Heritage Act because it meets six of the prescribed criteria for determining cultural heritage value or interest.

The heritage attributes of 2187 Gordon Street display: design or physical, historical or associative, and contextual value.



Kidd Barn: Cultural heritage value or interest

- is an early and rare example of a stone slot bank barn built by 1842.
- was constructed using local fieldstone with slots in the walls. This building is now the only one of its kind within the City of Guelph.
- displays a high degree of craftsmanship that is rarely preserved.
- is linked with the Kidd family who occupied the property from the mid to late 19th century. James Kidd settled in the Township of Puslinch in 1830 and contributed to the agricultural community at the time.
- is physically, visually and historically connected with the Marcolongo Farm, a protected cultural heritage landscape.
- was built into the bank and retains its function in the specific location on the barn in the landscape.
- is a landmark

Blair Farmhouse: Cultural heritage value or interest

- an early and rare example of a material or construction method in its use of formed concrete for wall construction in a rural residential building.
- connected to the Blair family, an early settler of the Puslinch area. The Blair family had farms on both sides of Gordon Street and emigrated from Scotland in the 1870s. The family was well known for their extensive orchards.
- historically linked to its surroundings
- Landmark along Gordon Street. The position of the barn and farmhouse in comparison to Gordon Street provides a clear view of the property from the roadway.

The Kidd Barn and Blair farmhouse support the agricultural landscape of the surrounding area. The property maintains and defines the surrounding use for agricultural use as it was over the past two centuries.

Heritage Attributes

Kidd Barn (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).



Heritage Attributes

Kidd Barn (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.

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Heritage Attributes

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.



Recommendation

Staff and Heritage Guelph recommend that City Council give notice of intention to designate 2187 Gordon Street because it 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) under the Ontario Heritage Act.

Therefore, the property merits individual heritage designation under the Ontario Heritage Act.

