

Advisory Committee of Council Staff Report



To Heritage Guelph
Date Monday, November 4, 2024
Subject **99 Maltby Road West: Heritage Attributes and Designation Recommendation**

Recommendation

1. That Heritage Guelph supports the heritage attributes identified for 99 Maltby Road West as outlined in the staff report dated November 4, 2024; and
 2. That Heritage Guelph recommends that City Council give notice of its intention to designate 99 Maltby Road West pursuant to Part IV, Section 29 of the Ontario Heritage Act.
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Executive Summary

Purpose of Report

The purpose of this report is to recommend that Heritage Guelph supports the proposed heritage attributes for 99 Maltby Road West and that Heritage Guelph recommends that Council publish its intention to designate the stone farmhouse at 99 Maltby Road West pursuant to Part IV, Section 29 of the Ontario Heritage Act.

Key Findings

At their meeting of September 9, 2024, Heritage Guelph supported Heritage Planning staff's [Cultural Heritage Evaluation Report \(CHER\)](#) regarding 99 Maltby Road West. The CHER provided background research, a detailed building description of the stone farmhouse and evaluated the property in accordance with the requirements of the OHA finding that the stone farmhouse meets six of the nine prescribed criteria for defining cultural heritage value or interest under Regulation 9/06. Heritage Planning now recommends a Statement of Significance and list of heritage attributes that may be used by Council to publish its intention to designate the property under Part IV, section 29 of the OHA.

Report

Statement of Significance

This property meets six of the nine criteria outlined in Ontario Regulation 9/06, including design/physical value, historical/associative value, and contextual value. It is therefore recommended that the property be designated under Part IV, section 29 of the Ontario Heritage Act.

Design/Physical Value

99 Maltby Road West meets criterion 1 because it is a rare, early, and representative example of a stone farmhouse. Constructed in the early 1840's, the

house is one of the few remaining stone structures built in the Township of Puslinch in the first half of the nineteenth century.

Historical Associative Value

99 Maltby Road West meets criterion 4 because it has direct associations with the settlement of Puslinch Township and the Scott family, an important settler family of Puslinch Township that occupied the property as early as 1837. Specifically, the property is associated with James Scott, who was deputy reeve and reeve for the Township of Puslinch, a member of the Township of Puslinch Council, and Councillor and County Commissioner for Wellington County Council.

99 Maltby Road West meets criterion 5 because of its historical connection to the Puslinch agricultural community and proximity to the City of Guelph. First settled by the Todds and Scotts in 1837, the well-reputed Southdown sheep farm remained in the care of the Scott family for three generations, and continued to operate as a farm until the early 1990's.

Contextual Value

99 Maltby Road West meets criterion 7 because it is important in defining, maintaining, and supporting the historical character of the Maltby Road streetscape and as a vestige of the early farming landscapes of the Township of Puslinch and what is now the City of Guelph.

99 Maltby Road West meets criterion 8 because it is physically and historically linked to its surroundings and other built heritage resources in the cultural heritage landscape around Gordon Street and Maltby Road West. The property is physically linked to its surroundings because the stone farmhouse is composed of stone extracted from the surrounding fields. The property is historically linked to its surroundings because the stone farmhouse is a vestige of the early agricultural landscape of Puslinch Township.

The subject property meets Criterion 9 as the Scott farmhouse at 99 Maltby Road West sits in its original location fronting the Scott family farmstead and as a link to the early farming landscape of Puslinch Township and what is now the City of Guelph. The distinctive building form of the Scott farmhouse has become a landmark within the historic Maltby Road West streetscape.

Heritage Attributes

The following elements of the property at 99 Maltby Road West should be considered as heritage attributes in a designation under Part IV, Section 29 of the Ontario Heritage Act:

- Original 1.5-storey building form and gable roof massing of the 1840s farmhouse
- Original exterior limestone walls including original limestone window and door heads, sills and quoins (corner stones)
- Shape and location of all original (or early) window and door openings based on historical images and references
 - The picture window on the east elevation is not considered original

Consultations

Heritage staff had had numerous meetings with the property owners or their agents to discuss designation, including a site visit.

At their meeting of September 9, 2024, Heritage Guelph carried the following motions:

THAT the comments provided by Heritage Guelph members on the '99 Maltby Road: Cultural Heritage Evaluation Report' be provided to staff and Council for their consideration.

1. That the condition of the building be understood as it relates to heritage attributes

Attachments

Attachment-1 Images of 99 Maltby Road West

Attachment-2 Cultural Heritage Evaluation Report

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