# 43: 2165 Dundas St. West, Smith-Carrique Barn and Shed

# 1. Description of Property

<b>Municipal Address</b>	2165 Dundas St. West	
Name (if applicable)	Smith-Carrique Barn and Shed	
Legal Description	PT LTS 26 TO 30, CON 1 NDS, PTS 1,2,3,5,6 & 13 TO 17 20R11846 EXCEPT PTS 2,3,4,5,13,15,17,18,46,47,49 & 50 20R17130 & EXCEPT PTS 4,5,6,9,10,13,14 & 19 20R18370 & EXCEPT PT 6 20R17130 & EXCEPT PTS 7,8,33,47,48,35,24 & 49 20R18906 & EXCEPT PTS 2,3,4,6,22,2	
Location of Property	The property is located on the north side of Dundas St. West. The new Oakville Hospital is currently being built directly east. There are open fields to the north and west, and a residential subdivision on the south side of Dundas St. West.	
Ownership	Private	
Access	Access was not granted. Photos taken from pathway September 21st, 2015 (AB, CU)	
<b>Current Use</b>	Vacant	
<b>Existing Designation</b>	Listed on the Register of Properties of Cultural Heritage Value of Interest (NOT Designated).  Description: "This property has potential cultural heritage value for its historic farmstead, including the outbuildings, historically associated with the agricultural development of Trafalgar Township".	
General Description	The Smith-Carrique Barn and Shed is part of a farmstead on an irregular parcel of land. It consists of two wooden outbuildings: a barn and a shed. It is likely that the barn and shed were once associated with a main house, which is no longer present. The outbuildings are set back from Dundas St. West. The outbuildings are surrounded by open fields to the west and north, and residential subdivision on the south side of Dundas St. West. A storm water management pond is located to the east, followed by the new Oakville Hospital. The buildings are surrounded by naturalized fields, which was once an active farm with orchards.	
Priority Level	Low	



Figure 1: 2615 Dundas St. West. (AB, 2015)



### 2. Key Recommendations

Priority = Low

Rationale for priority level:

- Not a strong candidate under OHA; and
- Cultural heritage resources have been lost and remaining buildings no longer have contextual significance.

#### Recommendations for future action:

- Consider initiating a rural properties study to evaluate and consider protection and planning for farmsteads as a group; and
- Cultural heritage resources have been lost. The property is no longer associated with a farmstead complex. Consider removal as a Listed property on the Register of Properties of Cultural Heritage Value of Interest (NOT Designated).

### 3. Documentation and Inventory of Built Form

List of Built Features:

- Barn- gambrel style metal roof, it appears to be built with cinderblock, with a vertical plank wood second storey. Windows are missing, but openings remain. Modifications to openings on southern exterior second storey.
- Shed-gable style metal roof made with flush board exterior. Windows are missing, but square openings remain.
- Large rectangular storm water management pond located directly east.
- Gravel path surrounding storm water management pond.
- Gravel laneway runs north from Dundas St. West to the outbuildings.

## 4. Documentation and Inventory of Natural Form

List of Natural Features:

- Trees Cherry, Willow, White Pine, Basswood.
- Perennials Goldenrod, Aster Thistle, Queen Anne's Lace.
- Open and naturalized fields surrounding outbuildings.
- McCraney Creek runs in a general north-south direction through property.

### 5. Design (Typology)

'X' all that apply	Categories of Cultural Heritage Landscape	Description
	Designed Landscape	"clearly defined landscape designed and created intentionally by man."
х	Organically Evolved Landscape	"results from an initial social, economic, administrative, and/or religious imperative and has developed in its present form in response to its natural environment"
x	Relict Landscape (Evolved Landscape)	"in which an evolutionary process came to an end at some time in the past."
	Continuing Landscape (Evolved Landscape)	"retains an active social role in contemporary society closely associated with the traditional way of life, and

'X' all that apply	Categories of Cultural Heritage Landscape	Description	
		which the evolutionary process is still in progress."	
		"justifiable by virtue of the powerful	
	Associative Cultural	religious, artistic, or cultural associations of the	
	Landscape	natural element rather than material cultural	
		evidence, which may be insignificant or even absent."	

#### 6. Historical and Thematic Associations

The earliest portion of Trafalgar Township to be surveyed was Dundas Street in 1795. Dundas Street through Trafalgar had been partially cleared by 1800, but in order to ensure the timely clearing of "The Dundas Road" allowance, the first lots to be granted to settlers were along this route. In 1806, Deputy Provincial Surveyor Samuel S. Wilmot surveyed the County of Halton, including Trafalgar Township 1806. The 1806 Wilmot Survey shows Lots 26 to 30 patented to at least five different owners (Figure 3).

The 1877 Map of Trafalgar (Figure 4) shows M. Carrique on Lot 27 and two buildings adjacent to Dundas Street. Each building is surrounded by an orchard and there is a third orchard in the southwest corner of the lot. The village of Palermo is located directly west; with a population of more than 300, it was one of the largest villages in the area. <sup>2</sup>

Today the outbuildings are located in a large, open area – formerly a field, it has now become naturalized and the buildings are in a diminished state. The house is no longer present. Much of the Village of Palermo has also disappeared.



Figure 3: 1806 Wilmot Survey showing Lot 26-30, Con I (NDS) (Wilmot Survey, 1806)

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> The property is listed as the Smith-Carrique Farm in North Oakville Heritage Resource Review and Strategy.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Halton County Atlas, 1877.

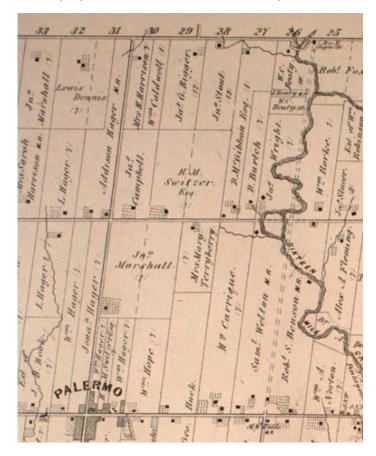


Figure 4: 1877 Map showing Carriaque on lot 27, to whom the property is associated (Illustrated Historical Atlas of the County of Halton, Ont, 1877)

#### 7. Contextual Associations

The property on the north side of Dundas is surrounded by open fields which were formerly part of an agricultural operation. The fields do not appear to have been used or farmed in a long time. A large hospital and research complex is being built directly to the east of the property and is likely the reason for creating the storm water management pond and a two-lane road along the north side of the property. The streetscape on the north side of Dundas St. West still retains some of the rural characteristics, however, the hospital development and new road suggest that the area may soon be developed further. The south side of Dundas St. West has already been fully developed with residential and commercial property.

## 8. Evaluation (O. Reg 9/06)

O.Reg.9/06 Criteria	Criteria Potentially Met (Y/N)	Potential Justification
1. The property has design value or physical value because it,		
i. is a rare, unique, representative or early example of a style, type, expression, material, or construction method,	N	Not shown.
ii. displays a high degree of craftsmanship or artistic merit, or	N	Not shown.
iii. demonstrates a high degree of technical or scientific achievement.	N	Not shown.

O.Reg.9/06 Criteria	Criteria Potentially Met (Y/N)	Potential Justification
2. The property has historical value or associative value because it,		
i. has direct associations with a theme, event, belief, person, activity, organization or institution that is significant to a community,	N	The property may be associated with the agricultural history of Trafalgar Township, but with the loss of the farmhouse and naturalization of the fields, has lost much of its integrity.
ii. yields, or has the potential to yield, information that contributes to an understanding of a community or culture, or	N	Not known.
iii. demonstrates or reflects the work or ideas of an architect, artist, builder, designer or theorist who is significant to a community.	N	Not known.
3. The property has contextual value because it,		
i. is important in defining, maintaining or supporting the character of an area,	N	Not shown.
ii.is physically, functionally, visually or historically linked to its surroundings, or	N	Not shown.
iii. is a landmark.	N	Not shown.

# 9. Photographic Documentation





Figure 5: Storm water management pond (left) and public trail on south side (right) barn in background on both. (AB, 2015)



Figure 6: View of shed with surrounding open fields. (AB, 2015)



Figure 7: Detailed view of shed. (AB, 2015)



Figure 8: View of barn from pathway on south west corner of storm water pond. (AB, 2015)



Figure 9: View of barn with shed in background. (AB, 2015)



Figure 10: Rear (north elevation) of barn with shed in background. (AB, 2015)



Figure 11: View of open fields to the north of property. (AB, 2015)



Figure 12: View of new Oakville Hospital and research buildings to the east, with storm water pond in foreground. (AB, 2015)

### 10. Analysis & Recommendations

Potential Heritage Value:

The property may be associated with the agricultural history of Trafalgar Township. However, with the loss of the farmhouse, the naturalization of the fields, and the reduced condition of the remaining sheds, it has lost much of its integrity as a cultural heritage landscape and no longer retains its heritage value.

#### Actions:

The property is one of a number of former farmsteads listed on the Town Register of Properties of Cultural Heritage Value or Interest. It may be beneficial for the Town to look at these farmsteads as a group before making decisions about their heritage value and the appropriate means of protection.

With the isolation of the barn and shed and no connection to a farmstead, there is little here to conserve - it is unlikely that this property will satisfy the criteria for designation under Part IV OHA. The rural character of the area may be better addressed through zoning or other planning measures.

A 'low' priority level is recommended for the following reasons:

- Not a strong candidate under OHA; and
- Cultural heritage resources have been lost and remaining buildings no longer have contextual significance.

#### 11. Sources

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