

REPORT

PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL MEETING

MEETING DATE: AUGUST 6, 2019

FROM: Planning Services Department

DATE: July 15, 2019

SUBJECT: Notice of Intention to Designate - 3020 Post Road

LOCATION: 3020 Post Road

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RECOMMENDATION:

That notice be issued under section 29 of the *Ontario Heritage Act* of the intention to designate the property at 3020 Post Road, which contains the Jordan Munn House.

KEY FACTS:

The following are key points for consideration with respect to this report:

- The property at 3020 Post Road contains the recently relocated and restored Jordan Munn House.
- Heritage planning staff have evaluated the property and consider the house worthy of conservation and heritage designation.
- It is recommended that the property be designated under section 29 the Ontario Heritage Act and that a notice of intention to designate be issued by Council.

BACKGROUND:

The property at 3020 Post Road is located on the west side of Post Road near the intersection of Post Road and Huguenot Road. A Location Map is attached as Appendix A. Photos of the Jordan Munn House, the subject of the heritage designation, are attached as Appendix B.

In 2012, Heritage Planning staff began working with the owner to conserve the 19th century house. The owners submitted two heritage impact assessments which determined that the brick house was an addition to an older timber frame section, likely the original house on the property. This portion of the house had deteriorated significantly and was later demolished. However, it was determined that the brick portion of the house could be conserved and relocated onto a new lot within a new

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nearby subdivision. A conservation plan was subsequently developed for the restoration of the house.

In 2015, the owner entered into a heritage easement agreement with the town to outline how the house was to be relocated and restored. In 2018, the house was relocated 200 metres to the northeast to its final location at 3020 Post Road, within the new residential subdivision. Since that time, the house has been restored and a new rear addition has been constructed.

Staff are now recommending that the property be designated under Part IV of the *Ontario Heritage Act* as an individually designated property in order to conserve the historically significant Jordan Munn House.

COMMENT/OPTIONS:

The Jordan Munn House is considered to have cultural heritage value as an early to mid-19th century brick house built in the Classic Revival style. It is a good example of a vernacular interpretation of the style, designed and built by early pioneers using local materials. The house contains a gabled front façade, medium pitched roof with deep returned eaves, symmetrical window placement, off-centre entrance and a wide cornice, all signature features of the Classic Revival style.

The house also has heritage value for its unique timber frame construction. This type of construction was common for barns, but was very unique for a house in 19th century Upper Canada. Large vertical and horizontal squared timbers are connected with mortise and tenon joints and the spaces between the timbers are filled with layers of brick, leaning against the exterior bricks.

Further, the Jordan Munn House has cultural heritage value for its historical associations with the Munn family who founded the former hamlet of Munn's Corners. It was likely constructed by Jordan Munn, or possibly his father Daniel Munn. The inn and most of the houses associated with Munn's Corners have disappeared, but the church, cemetery and Munn House still stand as reminders of this community and the significant contributions of the Munn family.

Finally, the property has contextual heritage value as a reminder of the former agricultural landscape of Trafalgar Township, in particular the historic village of Munn's Corners and the significant route of Dundas Street. The property also has contextual associations with the ancestors of the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation who used the land prior to European settlement of this area.

These physical, historical and contextual associations are considered to be significant enough to merit designation under Part IV of the *Ontario Heritage Act*. It

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is therefore recommended that Council issue a notice of intention to designate the property under section 29 of the *Ontario Heritage Act*.

If the property is to be designated, the intention is to only include the historic brick portion of the house in the heritage attributes of the designation by-law, and not the contemporary rear addition which does not contain any heritage value. Staff will continue to work with the owners who have been supportive of the heritage designation.

A separate staff report on this matter was presented to the Heritage Oakville Advisory Committee on July 23, 2019. The Committee supported staff's recommendation to designate the property.

CONSIDERATIONS:

(A) PUBLIC

If notice is to be issued for the designation of the property, notice will be given in accordance with section 29 of the *Ontario Heritage Act*.

(B) FINANCIAL

None

(C) IMPACT ON OTHER DEPARTMENTS & USERS

The Legal Department will be consulted on the legal aspects of the designation where necessary.

(D) CORPORATE AND/OR DEPARTMENT STRATEGIC GOALS

This report addresses the corporate strategic goal to:

- enhance our cultural environment
- be the most livable town in Canada

(E) COMMUNITY SUSTAINABILITY

This report generally complies with the sustainability objectives of the Livable Oakville Plan.

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APPENDICES:

Appendix A – Location Map Appendix B – Photos of Jordan Munn House

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