

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF CENTRE WELLINGTON

BY-LAW NO. 2025-78

Being a By-Law to designate the lands at
219 Farley Road
to be of cultural heritage value or interest

WHEREAS:

1. The *Ontario Heritage Act*, R.S.O. 1990, Chapter O.18, Section 29 (the “Act”), as amended, authorizes the Council of a municipality to enact by-laws to designate real property including all buildings and structures thereon, to be of cultural value or interest;

2. On the advice of the municipal heritage committee, the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Centre Wellington has caused to be served upon the owners of the lands and premises known municipally as 219 Farley Road (“the Property”) and upon the Ontario Heritage Trust notice of intention to designate the aforesaid real property and has caused such notice of intention to be posted on the Township’s website having a general circulation in the municipality;

3. The statement of cultural value or interest of the Property are set out in Schedule “B”;

4. The description of Heritage Attributes are set out in Schedule “C”;

5. No notice of objection to the proposed designation has been served upon the clerk of the municipality;

NOW THEREFORE THE COUNCIL OF THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF CENTRE WELLINGTON HEREBY ENACTS AS FOLLOWS:

1. The real property municipally known as 219 Farley Road and more particularly described in Schedule “A”, is designated as being of cultural heritage value or interest under Part IV of the *Act*.

2. The Township’s legal representative is hereby authorized to cause a copy of this By-law to be registered against the property described in Schedule “A” in the proper land registry office.

3. Township staff is hereby authorized to cause a copy of this By-law to be served upon the owner of the property and upon the Ontario Heritage Trust and to cause notice of this By-law to be posted on the Township’s website having general circulation in the Township.

4. This By-law shall come into force and take effect upon its final passing.

READ A FIRST AND SECOND TIME this 24th day of November, 2025.

Mayor – Shawn Watters

Clerk – Kerri O’Kane

READ A THIRD TIME AND PASSED this 24th day of November, 2025.

Mayor – Shawn Watters

Clerk – Kerri O’Kane

Schedule “A”

Legal Description

219 Farley Road, legally described as:

Plan 61M-245, Block 279; TOWNSHIP OF CENTRE WELLINGTON

PIN: 71404-0898 (LT)

Schedule “B”

Statement of Cultural Heritage Value or Interest

Description of Property

219 Farley Road (formerly 7708 Colborne Street) is located on Plan 61M-245, Block 279 (formerly Lots 19 and 20, Concession 14), in the Township of Centre Wellington, County of Wellington (former Nichol Township). The property is located on the south-west side of Farley Road, north of Colborne Street. The property is approximately 0.3 acres and currently supports a single 1.5 storey former dwelling. It is surrounded by a new residential subdivision.

Statement of Cultural Heritage Value or Interest: The cultural heritage value of 219 Farley Road resides in its design/physical value, its historical/associative value, and its contextual value.

Historical or Associative Value

The property is significant for its potential to yield information that contributes to an understanding of the early euro-Canadian settlement of the northeast part of Nichol Township, namely the Fergusson Settlement. The original farm property was settled by Thomas Curzon Allardice, who initially built a log house on the property around 1835. Thomas and his family were heavily involved in the social development of the Township and engaged in local politics. The Allardice family was active in the local militia, school board and Presbyterian Church. The property also has potential to yield information about the pre-settlement history of the area as, according to local oral history, Thomas is said to have discovered large mammal bones, thought to belong to a mammoth, which he re-buried somewhere on the lands. He is also said to have found several Indigenous artifacts on the property which were passed down through his family, though no records of them remain.

Thomas' son William Allardice, also an owner of the property, later served as a Nichol Township Councillor and had a reputation for being a breeder of thoroughbred stock. The Allardice farmstead was known as “Murlingden”, after Thomas' family home in Scotland, and was owned by the family from 1835 to 1921. In the early 1900s, Ann Allardice leased the land to several tenants. The Collie brothers (David and William), namesakes of the residential street “Collie Court”, purchased the property in 1922 and owned the lands until 1953.

Design or Physical Value

The structure at 219 Farley Road is significant because it is a representative example of a former dwelling built in the Gothic Revival Cottage architectural style prevalent in rural

Ontario at the time of construction. The 1.5 storey stone structure replaced an 1860s stone dwelling, destroyed by fire in 1881. There may be parts of the earlier house which were re-used in the existing residence. The structure has an L-shaped floor plan with a front section and a rear wing extending to the northeast. A frame addition with stucco cladding and 1-storey frame garage were added in approximately 1959 (still extant). The main section of the original 3 bay front facade has a central gable peak and inset rounded arch window. It is constructed of split fieldstones of various sizes and colours. The front wall is constructed of mainly larger stones, accented with stone quoins, voussoirs and cut stone sills at the door and window openings. The white ribbon jointing provides visual regularity to the stonework. All of the original wood sashes on the front section and the rear wing have been replaced. Though original doors and windows have been replaced, the fenestration pattern on the main section appears to be original.

Contextual Value

The structure located at 219 Farley Road is physically, functionally, visually, and historically linked to its surroundings. The stone farmhouse is the last remaining structure of the original 250 acre farm complex which was comprised of five buildings, including barns and/or stables. The property, albeit now on a much smaller parcel of land, is surrounded by a newly developed subdivision. As urban development increasingly surrounds the property, it is becoming a more significant link to its agricultural past and the history of the Allardice family.

Schedule “C”

Description of Heritage Attributes to be Protected

- Height, scale, and massing of the original one-and-a-half storey stone structure (former dwelling)
- Pitch of the end-gabled roof with central gabled peak (original entrance façade facing south) on the original section of dwelling
- Exterior fieldstone masonry walls
- Large cut stone quoins, stone sills and stone voussoirs
- Fenestration pattern of windows and doors, including two central arched window openings on the second storey of the south-east and north-east facing facades (original front and right facades)

Excluded from the Heritage Attributes to be Protected

- 1959 stucco clad addition and 1-storey frame garage
- Vestibule on north-east facing façade
- Footprint and form of the later additions
- Non-original windows and doors
- Cement block chimney
- Ribbon pointing detail on the masonry