

**NOTICE OF THE PASSING OF A HERITAGE DESIGNATION BY-LAW
BY THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF CENTRE WELLINGTON**

TAKE NOTICE that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Centre Wellington passed By-law 2026-36 on May 25, 2026 to designate the property at 6275 Wellington Road 26 in the Township of Centre Wellington as a property of cultural heritage value or interest under Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act, R.S.O. 1990, c.O.18.

Any person who objects to the by-law may appeal to the Ontario Land Tribunal (OLT) and the Clerk of the Township within 30 days after the date of this publication, on or before June 26, 2026. The notice of appeal must set out the objection to the by-law and the reasons in support of the objection, accompanied by the fee charged by the OLT.

For additional information, including a statement explaining the cultural heritage value or interest of the property and a description of the heritage attributes of the property please contact Deanna Maiden, Senior Development Planner (519-846-9691 x292).

Dated at the Township of Centre Wellington this 27th day of May, 2026.

Tyler Sager,
Municipal Clerk
1 MacDonald Square
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THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF CENTRE WELLINGTON

BY-LAW NO. 2026-XX

Being a By-Law to designate the lands at
6275 Wellington Road 26
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 6275 Wellington Road 26 (“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 6275 Wellington Road 26 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 municipality;

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

READ A FIRST AND SECOND TIME this 25th day of May, 2026.

Mayor – Shawn Watters

Clerk – Tyler Sager

READ A THIRD TIME AND PASSED this 25th day of May, 2026.

Mayor – Shawn Watters

Clerk – Tyler Sager

Schedule “A”

Legal Description

6275 Wellington Road 26, legally described as:

PT LT 3 CON 8 WEST GARAFRAXA PT 1, 60R2581; CENTRE WELLINGTON

PIN: 71136-0042 (LT)

Schedule “B”

Statement of Cultural Heritage Value or Interest

Description of Property

The subject property is located at 6275 Wellington Road 26 and is a rural residential property located within what was historically known as the Township of West Garafraxa on Concession 8, part of Lot 3, now in the Township of Centre Wellington. The property contains a historic stone dwelling, built between 1863-1881, a detached garage, and in-ground pool. The property boasts many mature trees of various species with landscaping throughout. A long asphalt driveway leading to a circular drop-off surrounding a landscaped island provides access to the house from Wellington Road 26. The property is 1.6 acres in size and is surrounded by agricultural land.

Statement of Cultural Heritage Value or Interest: The cultural heritage value of 6275 Wellington Road 26 resides in its design/physical value, its historical/associative value, and its contextual value.

Historical or Associative Value

The property is significant because it has potential to yield information about the theme of early European settlement and contributes to the rural agricultural history of Centre Wellington.

The original stone house was built under the ownership of Robert McLelland, whose family immigrated to Canada from Ireland in 1845. Robert bought the property in 1855 and after marrying Margaret Nelson in 1863, began construction on the dwelling, completing it some time before his death in 1881. The property then passed to his son, who later sold it to his mother Margaret. The McLelland family were farmers and owned the property until 1918. In later years, the dwelling was partially rented out to different families, while Margaret lived in the front section.

In 1918, the property was sold to John Wright who came to Canada from Ireland and Sara Wright who was originally from England. John was a farmer and he and Sara became prominent members in their community until they moved to Orangeville in 1949. The property was owned by known farming families until 1965. Jack J. Truman and his wife Mary bought the property in 1966. Jack served in the military and retired as a Lieutenant Colonel. He also worked as an Industrial Arts teacher at the University of Toronto before moving to West Garafraxa. The couple renovated and made several alterations to the interior and exterior of the home and sold the property in 1970. By 1975 the house was purchased by James and Alexandra (Alix) McGregor. The property is still in the family's ownership. They have lovingly cared for and maintained the property for the last 50 years.

Design or Physical Value

The dwelling at 6275 Wellington Road 26 is significant because it is a representative example of the Gothic Revival Cottage architectural style prevalent in rural Ontario at the time of construction. The style was the most common residential design in all of Ontario prior to the

1950s, particularly in rural areas. Based on available records, it is likely that the house was constructed between 1863 and 1881.

The dwelling is one-and-half-storeys, with both portions of the house built in a vernacular style, with an end-gabled roof and a central gable peak on the south-west and south-east facades. The dwelling is thought to have been built in two parts, with the rear portion possibly being the original farmhouse and the front constructed as an early addition, though all construction was completed by 1881.

The dwelling is constructed of local field stone, adorned with subtle stone quoins at the corners and tuck pointing (ribboning), demonstrating the materials that were available to early settlers. It is now overlain heavily with mortar on the exterior, however stones are more visible on the interior of the home due to renovations and restoration work. All windows on the dwelling are modern replacements except for the arched window in the centre gable of the south-west (front) façade. All window openings on the stone dwelling have stone sills and most have modest voussoirs and/or keystones. The front section originally featured paired chimneys (north-west chimney extant).

A board and batten addition was added to the north-west side of the original (rear) stone dwelling in 1992 and contains an impressive two-storey stone fireplace constructed entirely of fieldstone sourced from the property, with a large chimney visible from the exterior.

Contextual Value

The property is significant for its contextual value as it is physically, visually and historically linked to its surroundings and contributes to the local rural agricultural context of this part of the Township. The original (rear) section of the dwelling is south-east facing likely to maximize sunlight and provide oversight of the agricultural fields. Over time this parcel of land was severed from the original farmland and altered to serve as a rural residential property, though it retains its contextual connection to the bank barn (now on the adjacent property) and surrounding agricultural fields. The property is thoughtfully landscaped with many mature trees lining the driveway and property lines, with a prominent Sugar Maple tree in front of the dwelling. The use of local fieldstone further ties it to its surroundings.

Schedule "C"

Description of Heritage Attributes to be Protected

- Height, scale, and massing of the one-and-a-half storey stone dwelling
- T-shaped footprint of the stone dwelling, built in two parts (original at the rear)
- Pitch and overhang of the roof, including the central gable peaks and end-gables
- Field stone construction and materials
- Stone quoins on the corners of the dwelling
- Stone voussoirs, keystones and sills of the window openings
- Fenestration pattern of window and door openings in their original locations
- Arched wood window on the front façade within the central gable peak

Property/Landscape:

- Large mature Sugar Maple in front of the dwelling

Interior Elements:

- 2 storey stone fireplace and chimney within the 1990s board and batten addition
- Fieldstone walls, where exposed, now internal to the dwelling

Excluded from the Heritage Attributes

- 1992 board and batten addition, except stone fireplace
- Interior elements other than those listed above