

The Corporation of the Township of Centre Wellington

By-law 2023-92

A By-law to designate the lands at 255 Lamond Street
to be of cultural heritage value or interest

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

And Whereas on the advice of the municipal heritage committee, 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 255 Lamond Street (“the Property”) and upon the Ontario Heritage Trust notice of intention to so designate the aforesaid real property and has caused such notice of intention to be published in a newspaper having a general circulation in the municipality;

And Whereas the statement of cultural value or interest of the Property are set out in Schedule "B";


And Whereas the description of Heritage Attributes are set out in Schedule "C";

And Whereas 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 255 Lamond Street 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 published in a newspaper having general circulation in the City.
4. This By-law shall come into force and take effect upon its final passing.

Read a first, second and third time and finally passed this 18th day of December, 2023.



Mayor – Shawn Watters



Clerk – Kerri O'Kane

Schedule “A”

Legal Description

255 Lamond Street, legally described as:
PT LOT 6, CON 1, PART 6, PLAN 61R-11285; TOWNSHIP OF CENTRE WELLINGTON

PIN: 71377-0281 (LT)

Schedule “B”

Statement of Cultural Heritage Value or Interest

Description of Property

The Pierpoint Fly Fishing Nature Reserve is part of the northeast half of Lot 6, Concession 1, in the former Township of West Garafraxa, being Part 6, Reference Plan 61R11285, Centre Wellington. It is located on lands municipally known as 255 Lamond Street, Fergus. The Pierpoint Fly Fishing Nature Reserve is an L-shaped park owned as of the date of passing of this by-law by the Township of Centre Wellington. It is located at the southwest corner of Anderson Street South and Lamond Street, on the north side of the Grand River. The passive park includes a small parking area and informal walking trails through brush and wooded areas, providing access to the Grand River. The park also includes a small creek.

Statement of Cultural Heritage Value or Interest

The cultural heritage value of 255 Lamond Street lies in its historical value and its contextual value.

Historical or Associative Value

The Pierpoint Fly Fishing Nature Reserve has direct associations with Richard Pierpoint who was designated a National Historic Person by Parks Canada in recognition of his life experience, hardships, and contributions as a Black Loyalist in Upper Canada. A former enslaved person, Richard Pierpoint was granted the east half of Lot 6, Concession 1 in 1822, including the lands which now form the subject property, for his military service as part of the War of 1812, fulfilling his settlement duties despite his advanced age. His property has been identified as a stopping point, a place of rest and refuge, for Black individuals and families on their own journey to set down roots in what was known as the Queen’s Bush to the north, along the Garafraxa Road. Richard Pierpoint and his property in what is now Fergus is part of the larger story of waves of Black settlement and displacement in Upper Canada in the late eighteenth and early to mid-nineteenth century. The subject property has direct associations with historical themes determined to be important to the development of the Township of Centre Wellington. The Pierpoint Fly Fishing Nature Reserve is part of the long history of environmental conservation efforts in Centre Wellington and has developed into a site of commemoration, recreation, stewardship, and community development.

As part of Richard Pierpoint’s land grant, the property has the potential to yield information that contributes to an understanding of early Black land ownership, settlement, and displacement in Upper Canada in the late eighteenth and early to mid-nineteenth century.

Contextual Value

The Pierpoint Fly Fishing Nature Reserve is important in defining, maintaining, and supporting the character of the upper section of the Grand River in the Township of Centre Wellington as a popular fly-fishing destination, providing free access to fly fishers and others to appreciate the natural heritage of the Grand River, a Canadian Heritage River. It is physically, visually, and historically linked the to the Grand River.

The property is historically linked to one of the travel routes used by early Black individuals and families in their journey north to the Queen’s Bush in the 1820s and 1830s. It is considered a landmark for different reasons. It is a well-known public access point for fly fishers along this stretch of the Grand River, a popular fly-fishing destination. The nature reserve, which is also locally referred to as Pierpoint Park, is also highlighted as stop on the “Wellington County: Black Heritage Reclaimed Driving Map” as a place of significance to the historical Black community in Wellington County.

Schedule “C”

Description of Heritage Attributes

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- Its location within the southeast quadrant of Richard Pierpoint’s land grant which consisted of the east half of Lot 6, Concession 1, West Garafraxa, in proximity to historical Garafraxa Road.
- Place naming and acts of commemoration, expressing an understanding and celebration of its association with Richard Pierpoint.
- The naturalized and passive state of the park which supports a contemplative setting along the Grand River.
- Its potential to yield additional information, including potential undiscovered archaeological resources or features, that would contribute to a better understanding of this history.
- Its location along the upper section of the Grand River, a Canadian Heritage River, which is a popular fly-fishing destination.
- The naturalized state of the park, including the creek and the variety of vegetation including grasses and shrubs, and a mix of coniferous and deciduous trees of various ages, including apple trees.
- Its public access point at the northeast corner of the park.
- The walking trails which meander through the reserve and provide access to the Grand River.