

## Cultural Heritage Value or Interest Evaluation

Ontario Regulation 9/06 of the *Ontario Heritage Act* establishes the criteria for determining Cultural Heritage Value of Heritage Resources. A property must have the potential to meet at least two of the criteria to be considered to have heritage significance. These criteria fall into three categories: design or physical value, historical or associative value and contextual value. The following table considers and evaluates the subject property against these criteria.

**Table 6: Evaluation of the Cultural Heritage Value of 416 Bergamot Avenue\_ James Weir House**

The property has design value or physical value because it,		
	Criteria	Evaluation
i	is a rare, unique, representative or early example of a style, type, expression, material or construction method	Yes, this house is a good example of a three-bay Ontario Gothic Revival, one-and-a-half-storey gable frame structure with a high-pitched roof and centre gable
ii	displays a high degree of craftsmanship or artistic merit	Yes, this home has unique builder's engraving "Sept" 1897 by E M Laver - Builder
iii	demonstrates a high degree of technical or scientific achievement	No, the property does not demonstrate a high degree of technical or scientific achievement
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,	It is the historical home of the Weir family pioneers in Trafalgar
ii	Yields or has the potential to yield, information that contributes to an understanding of a community or culture	Yes, it provides historical information on the settlement history of Trafalgar as shown in the 1877 Historical Atlas of Halton County.
iii	demonstrates or reflects the work or ideas of an architect, artist, builder, designer or theorist who is significant to a community	Yes, the subject property was the family home of home of Councillor James Weir Junior (1910)
The property has contextual value because it,		

i	is important in defining, maintaining or supporting the character of an area	Yes, this property is one of the last remaining farmhouses in Trafalgar.
ii	is physically, functionally, visually or historically linked to its surroundings	Yes, this property continues to provide a visual and historical link and reminds the viewer of Trafalgar County's agricultural context.
iii	is a landmark	No, the property is not a landmark.

Based on the above criteria, the subject property has significant cultural heritage value based on both design and contextual criteria. These attributes are sufficient to warrant Heritage Designation under the *Ontario Heritage Act*. However, designation may not be necessary at this time as the property is current listed on the Municipal Heritage Register, which offers it some protection from demolition.