



# The Corporation of the Town of Milton

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**Report To:** Council

**From:** Jill Hogan, Commissioner, Development Services

**Date:** March 4, 2024

**Report No:** DS-010-24

**Subject:** Recommendation Report - Notice of Intention to Designate 10780 Second Line - School Section #3

**Recommendation:** THAT Staff Report DS-010-24 entitled: "Notice of Intention to Designate 10780 Second Line - School Section # 3 be received and;  
THAT Council recognizes the historic house at 10780 Second Line in the Town of Milton as being of heritage significance;  
THAT Council designate the property under Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act, R.S.O. 1990, c. O.18 for the reasons outlined in the Reasons for Designation attached as Appendix 1 to this Report;  
AND THAT the Town Clerk provides the Notice of Intention to Designate as outlined in Section 29 (4) of the Ontario Heritage Act;  
AND FURTHER THAT once the thirty-day objection period has expired and if there are no objections, a designation by-law is brought forward for Council adoption.

## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- 10780 Second Line is a one-story stone building with a medium gable roof. The original log built schoolhouse was replaced by the current stone house in 1855 and 1870. The one-room schoolhouse - School Section (S.S.) # 3 was first established on this property in 1855.
- The property's current owner has voluntarily responded to the heritage designation program and desires that their property be designated.
- Staff have evaluated that this historic home is a significant built heritage resource for the Town of Milton and should be designated under Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act to protect this built heritage resource. (See Appendix '1') This significant heritage resource fulfils more than two of the evaluation criteria in Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act (R.S.O. 1990), Ontario Regulation 9/06 (See Appendix 2). As such, it is worthy of designation under the provisions of the Ontario Heritage Act.

## REPORT

### Background

This stone house at 10780 Second Line previously housed the School Section (S.S.) # 3. Its cultural heritage value lies in its physical, historical and contextual value. Physically, it is a contributing example of a vernacular one-room schoolhouse. It has historical significance, as it is one of the earliest schools in Nassagaweya, located between Moffat and Haltonville on the Guelph Line. It is of contextual importance as this property contributes significantly to the history of the first settlement for the Presbyterian community of this rural community.

### Discussion

Historically, the lot municipally known as 10780 Second Line was first granted to the Canada Company in 1832. It was officially established as a school in 1855. The school was initially constructed with logs in the 1830s. From 1836 to 1839, this building was used as a Presbyterian Church. The property was sold to John Allison in 1836. John then sold it to the trustee of the school board in 1870.

Physically, the one-story rectangular building has a random rubble stone exterior and a medium gable roof. The single-leaf, three-panel front entrance door has a carved middle panel. A clear transom and a heavy stone lintel complete the simple entrance. Windows are two sash, two-over-two windows with plain glazing bars and trim, stone header voussoirs and plain lug stone sills.

The building was built in two halves. The first half was constructed in 1855. A bronze plaque adjacent to the front entrance door commemorates the school's centennial celebration in 1955. The second half of the schoolhouse was built in 1870, as inscribed on a stone under the gable end that abuts the 15th Sideroad. A garage addition in 2013 was awarded the 2014 Heritage Milton Heritage award for its sympathetic design and maintaining the heritage character of the property. A sunroom was added to the rear of the building in 2014 and a second floor was added to the rear of the historic structure in 2020. The building retains its rustic composition. Currently, the original stone structure of the building is well kept as a residential home.

Contextually, S.S. # 3 is the earliest school in Nassagaweya, located between the villages of Moffat and Haltonville on the Guelph Line. This area was one of the first parts of the township to be settled. The property was the only single-storey stone building in the neighbourhood, representing the first settlement. This property contributes greatly to the heritage character of this rural neighbourhood.

This significant heritage resource fulfils more than two of the evaluation criteria in Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act (R.S.O. 1990), Ontario Regulation 9/06 (See Appendix 2). As such, it is worthy of designation under the provisions of the Ontario Heritage Act.

## Discussion

S.S. #3 is a significant heritage resource that conforms to the criteria for designation and is further described in Appendix 1: Reasons for Designation.

Key character-defining elements/heritage attributes vital to the preservation of this house at 10780 Second Line are the following (see also Appendix 3: Photos of Heritage Attributes):

- Historical use of the property as a school and place of worship for earlier Presbyterian settlers.
- Commemorative bronze plaque celebrating the centenary in 1955.
- Context of the property as one of the earliest schoolhouses, which contributes to the heritage character of the area.
- Original massing of the one-story random rubble stone historic schoolhouse with a rectangular plan and medium gable roof. (Except for the wooden sunroom addition, as well as the garage addition)
- Medium gable roof with plain verges, plain soffits, mouldings and projecting eaves.
- '1870' date stone at the gable end.
- Single leaf three-panel wood entrance door with carved motif on the middle panel, clear transom and heavy stone lintel.
- Two Sash, two-over-two windows with plain mouldings, stone header voussoirs and plain lug stone sills.

## Staff Recommendation

Staff recommends that the optimal conservation and protection measures for this heritage property is the designation of the property.

## Financial Impact

There is no financial impact associated with this report.

Respectfully submitted,

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Commissioner, Development Services



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### Attachments

- Appendix '1'\_Reasons for Designation for 10780 Second Line \_ School Section # 3
- Appendix '2'\_CHVI Evaluation\_ 10780 Second Line
- Appendix '3'\_Photographic Record Heritage Attributes\_ 10780 Second Line

Approved by CAO  
Andrew M. Siltala  
Chief Administrative Officer

### Recognition of Traditional Lands

The Town of Milton resides on the Treaty Lands and Territory of the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation. We also recognize the traditional territory of the Huron-Wendat and Haudenosaunee people. The Town of Milton shares this land and the responsibility for the water, food and resources. We stand as allies with the First Nations as stewards of these lands.