



The Corporation of the Town of Milton

Report To: Council

From: Jill Hogan, Commissioner, Development Services

Date: October 7, 2024

Report No: DS-069-24

Subject: Recommendation Report - Notice of Intention to Designate -6426 Sixth Line_ Amos Kindree House

Recommendation: **THAT** Staff Report DS-069-24 entitled: "Notice of Intention to Designate - 6426 Sixth Line be received and;

THAT Council recognize the historic house at 6426 Sixth 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 will be brought forward for Council adoption.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- This two-storey Gothic Revival-style house was built by Amos Kindree around 1870. It was one of the earliest farmhouses constructed in Trafalgar Township.
- The property's current owner has voluntarily responded to the heritage designation program and desires that their property be designated.
- Staff has evaluated this historic home as a significant built heritage resource for the Town of Milton and should be designated under Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act. (See Appendix '1')
- This significant heritage resource fulfils more than two of the evaluation and criteria set out in Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act (R.S.O. 1990), Ontario Regulation

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

9/06 (See Appendix 2). As such, it is worthy of designation under the provisions of the Ontario Heritage Act.

REPORT

Background

Amos Kindree built this house around 1870. It was one of the earliest farmhouses constructed in Trafalgar Township. Its cultural heritage value and interest lie in its physical, historical, and contextual value. Physically, it is a representative two-storey Gothic Revival-style house with a medium cross hip roof. Historically, it was the home of David Featherston, a farmer in Trafalgar Township. Contextually, this property is one of the few remaining farmhouses in the former Trafalgar Township.

Discussion

The history of this property is as fascinating as its physical features. The Crown first granted John Campbell Gardner the original 200 acres of land in 1822. The land changed hands several times; from Thomas Silverstone (1823), to John White (1840), to William Reid (1841), to James Price (1847), to Edward Bull (1854), to William Dent (1876), and finally to Amos Kindree (1855). It is believed that Amos Kindree built the house in 1870 before selling it to David Featherston in 1924. The Featherston family has since owned and farmed the land, preserving its historical legacy and its connection to the past and the people who have shaped this property over the years.

Physically, this two-storey Gothic Revival-style house with red stretcher brick and a stone foundation is in good condition. It has a medium cross-gable roof with molded verges and projecting eaves. The exterior red bricks are of stretcher bond. The east and south elevation features two open porches with lean-to roofs and plain timber posts. Two box bay windows at the south and east elevations are adorned with one-over-one windows, fancy brackets; molded fascia, radiating buff brick voussoirs, and stone lug sills complete the exterior composition. One unique feature of this house is the one-over-one semicircular windows, with radiating dichromatic brick voussoirs and stone lug sill. On the south elevation, an original double-leaf, three-panel door has a pattern glass insert in the upper panel, complete with an arch transom, and radiating buff brick voussoir. These unique features add to the architectural interest and charm of the property.

Discussion

This property has significant contextual value as one of the remaining farmhouses built in Trafalgar Township. Its presence is a testament to the historical and architectural heritage of the area. This home is shown on the 1877 Historical Atlas of Halton County, further emphasizing its importance and the need for its preservation.

Character Defining Elements/Heritage Attributes

Key attributes that reflect the cultural heritage value of the property include:

- Massing of the two-storey Gothic Revival-style house with a red stretcher brick and stone foundation.
- Medium cross gable roof with molded verges and projecting eaves.
- Center gables on the south and east elevations.
- Two open porches with plain timber posts and lean-to roofs on the south and east elevations.
- Curved dichromatic voussoirs with keystones on the first floor bay windows
- Box bay windows at south and east elevation with one over one windows, decorative brackets, molded fascia, radiating buff brick voussoirs and stone lug sills.
- Several semicircular one over one window with radiating dichromatic brick voussoirs and stone lug sill;
- Arch windows with radiating buff brick voussoirs and stone lug sill.
- Double leaf three panels door with upper panel pattern glass insert, arch transom and radiating buff brick voussoirs
- Historical home of David Featherston and family
- Context of the house as the last few remaining farmhouses in Trafalgar

Staff Recommendation

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

