



Municipal Heritage Committee Report

Report Number: KLMHC2021-19
Meeting Date: May 6, 2021
Title: **Designation of 398 County Road 41, Bexley Township**
Description: Proposed designation of 398 County Road 41, Bexley Township of Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act
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Recommendation(s):

That Report KLMHC2021-19, **Designation of 398 County Road 41, Bexley Township**, be received;

That the designation of the property known municipally as 398 County Road 41, Geographic Township of Bexley be endorsed; and

That the recommendation to designate the subject property be forwarded to Council for approval.

Department Head: _____

Financial/Legal/HR/Other: _____

Chief Administrative Officer: _____

Background:

The City of Kawartha Lakes designates properties under Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act. Properties are recommended for designation by their owners, members of the public, local organizations, the Municipal Heritage Committee, Council or staff. Properties proposed for designation are reviewed by the Municipal Heritage Committee, as required by subsection 29(2) of the Ontario Heritage Act, and their recommendation is brought forward to Council under the cover of a staff report.

398 County Road 41, located in the hamlet of Bexley in the former Township of Bexley, was listed on the City's Heritage Register in April 2021. The owner was provided notice that the property was proposed for listing in February 2021 and, at that time, reached out to staff and requested that the property be designated under Part IV of the Act. Staff undertook a site visit to the property and background research and have determined that the property is eligible for designation under Part IV of the Act.

This report addresses that request from the property owner.

Rationale:

398 County Road 41 has cultural heritage value as a representative example of a rural Methodist church from the late nineteenth century, although it has now been converted into a residence. It yields information regarding the development of Bexley Township in the second half of the nineteenth century and the role of religion, and Methodism more specifically, in community life. It is eligible for designation under the criteria established by Ontario Regulation 9/06.

A heritage evaluation report outlining the full reasons for designation and the property's heritage attributes it attached to this report as Appendix A.

Other Alternatives Considered:

There are no recommended alternatives.

Financial/Operation Impacts:

There are not financial or operational impacts as a result of the recommendation of this report.

Consultations:

N/A

Attachments:

Appendix A – Heritage Evaluation Report: 398 County Road 41, Bexley Township



398 County Road 41
Heritage Evaluation.pdf

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