



Municipal Heritage Committee Report

Report Number: KLMHC2022-013

Meeting Date: February 3, 2022

Title: **Designation of Property – 1590 Elm Tree Road, Ops Township**

Description: Proposed designation of 1590 Elm Tree Road, Ops Township under Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act

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Recommendation:

That Report KLMHC2022-013, **Designation of Property – 1590 Elm Tree Road, Geographic Township of Ops**, be received;

That the designation of the property known municipally as 1590 Elm Tree Road, Geographic Township of Ops 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.

In May 2021, the owners of the property located at 1590 Elm Tree Road in the former Ops Township reached out to staff and requested that the property be designated under Part IV of the Ontario Heritage 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:

1590 Elm Tree Road has cultural heritage value as an early and representative example of a Georgian-style residence constructed in stone in Ops Township. Constructed around 1840, it yields information on the settlement of Ops Township in both its history as an inn along the Oakwood Road and as a farmhouse. It holds contextual value as part of the historic rural landscape of Ops Township and is a local landmark as a well-known historic stone home and in its prominent location at the intersection of Elm Tree Road and Highway 7.

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

Other Alternatives Considered:

There are no recommended alternatives.

Financial/Operation Impacts:

There are costs associated with the publication of notices and the registration of the designating by-law on title for the property. These costs are covered by the existing Heritage Planning budget.

Consultations:

Property owners

Attachments:

Appendix A – Heritage Evaluation Report: 1590 Elm Tree Road, Geographic Township of Ops



1590 Elm Tree Road
Heritage Evaluation.pdf

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