



## Municipal Heritage Committee Report

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**Report Number:** KLMHC2022-046

**Meeting Date:** August 4, 2022

**Title:** **Proposed Heritage Designation of 33 North Water Street, Geographic Township of Bexley**

**Description:** Proposed designation of 33 North Water Street, Bexley Township (Coboconk) under Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act

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### Recommendations:

**That** Report KLMHC2022-046, **Proposed Heritage Designation of 33 North Water Street, Geographic Township of Bexley**, be received;

**That** the designation of the property known municipally as 33 North Water Street 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 April 2022, the owner of the property located at 33 North Water Street in Coboconk reached out to staff and requested that the property be designated under Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act. The property contains a vernacular residential structure from the late nineteenth century and currently does not have any heritage protection. 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. The designation includes both exterior and interior elements at the request of the property owner.

This report addresses that request from the property owner.

## **Rationale:**

33 North Water Street has cultural heritage value as an excellent example of a Victorian vernacular residential property. Built in 1888, the property displays typical characteristics of a vernacular gable front house and is also a representative example of balloon frame construction, the most prevalent form of wood construction in the late nineteenth century. It has historical and associative value through its original owners, Jon Harrison Harvey and his wife Alwilda Carl. Harvey was a prominent businessman in Coboconk in the late nineteenth century through his involvement in the lumber trade and grist milling, as well as serving as township treasurer and Justice of the Peace. The property remained in this family until 2017. The property has contextual value as part of the late nineteenth century residential landscape of Coboconk and also forms part of the landscape of the Gull River, to which the property is adjacent, as it passes through the community.

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 will be costs associated with the provision of public notice and for the registration of the designation by-law associated with this application which are covered by the existing Heritage Planning budget.

**Consultations:**

Property owners

**Attachments:**

Appendix A – Heritage Evaluation Report: 33 North Water Street



33 North Water  
Street Heritage Evaluation

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