

Meeting Date: September 13, 2021

Subject: Recommendation to Remove Property from Heritage Register –
5894 Old School Road, Ward 2

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RECOMMENDATION

That the listed, non-designated property located at 5894 Old School Road, be removed from the Town of Caledon Heritage Register pursuant to Section 27 of the *Ontario Heritage Act*.

REPORT HIGHLIGHTS

- Section 27 (1.2) of the *Ontario Heritage Act* (the “Act”) enables Council to include non-designated properties that it believes to be of cultural heritage value or interest on the municipal Heritage Register, thereby providing the properties with interim protection from demolition.
- Section 27 (1.3) of the Act requires Council to consult with its municipal heritage advisory committee before including or removing a property from the Heritage Register.
- Between September 2019 and June 2020, the Town batch listed 1,033 non-designated properties from the Town’s Built Heritage Resources Inventory (the “BHRI”) on the municipal Heritage Register, including the property located at 5894 Old School Road (Council resolution 2020-91).
- Following a site visit in July 2021, Heritage staff recommend that the property located at 5894 Old School Road be removed from the Town of Caledon’s Heritage Register.

DISCUSSION

Under Section 27 (1.2) of the Act, Council may include non-designated properties that it believes to be of cultural heritage value or interest on the municipal Heritage Register. Council began listing non-designated properties on the Heritage Register in 2010. In a phased approach implemented between September 2019 and June 2020, Council batch listed 1,033 non-designated properties from the Town’s Built Heritage Resources Inventory (BHRI) of Pre-1946 Structures. Council approved the listing of property address 5894 Old School Road on the Heritage Register on May 26th, 2020, by resolution 2020-91.

The evaluation process for ‘listing’ purposes is preliminary in nature. As such, a ‘listed’ property may be subject to periodic re-evaluation by Heritage staff.

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The property at 5894 Old School Road was the site of the c.1892 brick schoolhouse known as 'Elmvale Academy', being U.S.S. #19 Chinguacousy Township. Town records indicated that the schoolhouse had been incorporated within the extant c.1972 dwelling.

In response to an inquiry from the current property owners who wish to replace the extant dwelling, Heritage staff undertook a site visit on July 20, 2021, to verify the presence of the former schoolhouse structure. The only physical evidence of the former schoolhouse was determined to be a small quantity of 19th century orange brick that had been re-used to clad one exterior wall of the garage and a portion of the exterior west wall of the house, and to face the staircase and fireplace inside the house.

In light of the limited cultural heritage value of this remnant material, Heritage staff recommend that 5894 Old School Road be removed from the Heritage Register.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no financial implications associated with this report.

COUNCIL WORK PLAN

Subject matter is not relevant to the Council Workplan.

ATTACHMENTS

None.