



NOTICE OF INTENTION TO DESIGNATE By the Corporation of the Town of Erin

21 Trafalgar Road, Hillsburgh

TAKE NOTICE that the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Erin intends to designate the following property as being of cultural heritage value or interest under Section 29(1) of the Ontario Heritage Act, R.S.O. 1990, Chapter O.18.

21 Trafalgar Road

Description of the Property

The subject property is legally described as PART LOT 8, PLAN 95 ERIN; PART LOT 13 W/S MARKET STREET PLAN 95 ERIN; PART LOT 23, CONCESSION 8, Town of Erin, with a civic address of 21 Trafalgar Road. The property is located near the historic core of the Village of Hillsburgh. It consists of a two-storey place of worship built in a Gothic Revival architectural style which was constructed in 1888.

Statement of cultural heritage value or interest

21 Trafalgar Road is a representative example of a place of worship built in a Gothic Revival architectural style. The two-storey, symmetrically balanced red brick building follows a rectangular plan and gable roof and is legible as a place of worship. The dichromatic brick work, comprised of red and buff brick, is expressed on the unique chalice ornament under the front gable, quoins, window and door treatments and around the date stone which reads: "Baptist Church A.D. 1888". Noticeable Gothic Revival architectural design features are the tall lancet windows and large pointed arch doorway which create a vertical emphasis. Specifically, the pointed arch door opening includes a trefoil detail and window tracery, also carried through to the lancet windows on the façade and side elevations, and both the window and door surrounds are comprised of alternating red and buff brick decorative voussoirs that resemble hood moulds and are finished with stone sills.

21 Trafalgar Road is directly associated with the Baptist Church and congregation in Hillsburgh. The Baptist congregation in Hillsburgh was first organized around 1853 with George Henshaw serving as the clerk and Elder Picard as the first Reverend. 21 Trafalgar Road represents the location of the Baptist Church from 1862 until the present, however, accordingly to the date stone, the current building was constructed in 1888 and is believed to have incorporated the original frame structure. In 1891, a stone wall was constructed at the front of the property, along with handrails for the stairs and a carriage platform. The location and building have served the community of Hillsburgh as the Baptist Church for over 130 years.

21 Trafalgar Road is important in supporting the 19th century character of Trafalgar Road in the historic village of Hillsburgh. The streetscape is comprised of predominantly one to two-and-a-half storey residential and commercial buildings of primarily brick construction and with modest setbacks along the street. Furthermore, the stylistic similarities between several properties strengthens their contribution to the historic character of the atmosphere of the area including red brick construction with dichromatic brickwork, decorative woodwork. 21 Trafalgar Road contributes to the historic fabric of the streetscape and exhibits setback, massing and decorative details such as dichromatic brickwork consistent with the streetscape.



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21 Trafalgar Road occupies a prominent space near the southern entrance to Hillsburgh's historic core. It is highly visible and legibility as a place of worship. The, located on a raised plateau and architectural details strengthen its prominence as a visual landmark and helps to demarcate the entrance to the historic core.

Description of heritage attributes

21 Trafalgar Road is a representative example of a place of worship built in a Gothic Revival architectural style. **The property contains the following heritage attributes that reflects this value:**

- Two-storey Gothic Revival place of worship
- Rectangular plan with symmetrical facade
- Red brick coursed in a running bond with buff brick detailing
- Front gable roof
- Pointed arch door opening with a trefoil detail and window tracery
- Lancet windows openings with tracery and stone sills
- Dichromatic brickwork expressed in the chalice ornament, quoins, window and door treatments and a date stone which reads: "Baptist Church A.D. 1888".

21 Trafalgar Road has historical/associative value for its direct associated with the Baptist Church and congregation in Hillsburgh. **The property contains the following heritage attributes that reflect this value:**

- Two-storey Gothic Revival place of worship
- Date stone which reads: "Baptist Church A.D. 1888"
- Stone retaining wall added in 1891

21 Trafalgar Road is important in supporting the 19th century character of Trafalgar Road in the historic village of Hillsburgh **The property contains the following heritage attributes that reflect this value:**

- Two-storey Gothic Revival place of worship, including massing, setback, and decorative details

21 Trafalgar Road has contextual value because it is a landmark **The property contains the following heritage attributes that reflect this value:**

- Two-storey Gothic Revival place of worship, including massing, setback and decorative details
- Location and visibility along Trafalgar Road

The following are not heritage attributes:

- Rear newer portion
- Entrance on south elevation



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Notice of objection

Any person may, within 30 days after the date of the publication of the Notice, serve written objection to this proposed designation, **before 4 p.m. on April 23rd, 2024.**

The notice of objection must be sent by registered mail or delivered to the Clerk of the Town of Erin. The Town of Erin shall consider the objection and make a decision whether or not to withdraw the notice of intention to designate the property within 90 days after the end of the 30-day objection period. If Council decides not to withdraw its intention to designate, a heritage designation by-law must be passed within 120 days after the date of publication of the notice of intention to designate. Council must publish a notice of passing of the designation by-law which is followed by a 30-day appeal period when appeals of the by-law may be given to the Ontario Land Tribunal for a hearing and decision.

Additional Inquiries regarding the notice of intention to designate and/or the designation process, can be directed to the Planning and Development Department at planning@erin.ca.

Dated at the Town of Erin
This 25th of March, 2024

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