

**CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF SOUTH GLENGARRY**

**NOTICE OF THE INTENTION TO DESIGNATE**

***PROPERTY UNDER THE ONTARIO HERITAGE ACT***

TAKE NOTICE THAT the Council of the Township of South Glengarry intends to pass a bylaw under Section 29 (1) of the Ontario Heritage Act, designating the following property within the municipality to be of cultural heritage value or interest:

**Bishop's House Property and Cultural Heritage Landscape, St Raphael's - 20017 County Rd 18, St. Raphaels**

**Statement of Cultural Heritage Value or Interest**

The property is one of the earliest Roman Catholic monuments in English-speaking Canada, and was the home of the first Roman Catholic Bishop of Upper Canada and first Bishop of Kingston, Alexander Macdonell (1762-1840), who administered his see from St Raphael's, until 1836. Macdonell was also a patriot, educator, diplomat and legislator, who served on the Legislative Council of Upper Canada throughout the 1830s. He was also the military chaplain of the Glengarry Fencibles, who was instrumental in raising the 1794 and 1811 regiments, including Glengarry Militia units for the War of 1812. He accompanied the soldiers in battle.

The property includes a stone Georgian 5-bay house (1808), a presbytery which soon became part of a seminary of education known as the College of Iona (first institution of higher learning in Upper Canada). In 1924, the Bishop's House was expanded as a boarding school with matching wings in second empire style, designed by R. Gariépy, Montreal. The property includes a former seminary building constructed in 1818 as part of the college campus, its entrance road (1808), the old military parade grounds (first used in the War of 1812), and the College of Iona Garden, with dry-stone wall, as landscaped by Alexander Chisholm in 1826. The property is a fine and aesthetically pleasing historic architectural amalgamation from the early 19<sup>th</sup> century, the late 19<sup>th</sup> century, and the early 20<sup>th</sup> century, exhibiting a high level of craftsmanship in many of its interior and exterior built elements.

The Bishop's House property is located within a larger cultural heritage landscape that has important civic, military and ecclesiastical significance to the history of Canada and

its civic and cultural values. Significant viewsheds and site lines for the property in question include: the village of St Raphael's founded in 1786; the Ruins — St Raphael's Church (1821); the site of the first stone church (1790) and old burial grounds; the home of John Sandfield Macdonald (1812-1872), Ontario's first premier.

The full text of the Recommendation to Designate Report is available for viewing in the Township of South Glengarry Clerk's office at 6 Oak Street, Lancaster during regular business hours and is available on line at: [www.southglengarry.com](http://www.southglengarry.com)

A statement of notice of objection to the designation may be served on the clerk within thirty days after the date of this publication of notice of intention to designate, that date being August 16<sup>th</sup>, 2010. R.S.O. 1990, c. O.18, s. 29 (4), c. 4, s.55 (1); 2002, c 18, Sched. F, s. 2 (10).

Date at the Township of South Glengarry this 12<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2010.  
Marilyn LeBrun, Clerk  
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