

Notice of Intention to Pass a By-law to Designate

The following property to be of Cultural Heritage Value and Interest Pursuant to the Provisions of the Ontario Heritage Act (R.S.O. 1990, Chapter 0.18)

Take Notice that the Council of Corporation of The Township of Leeds and the Thousand Islands intends to pass a by-law under Section 29 of the Ontario Heritage Act, R.S.O. 1990, Chapter 0.18, to designate the following lands to be of cultural heritage value and interest:

181 Tower Road (PT LT 20 CON 3 LANSDOWNE, PART 4, PLAN 28R-14778; TOWNSHIP OF LEEDS AND THE THOUSAND ISLANDS), known as the Bradley House:

The Bradley House at 181 Tower Road is located on Lot 20, Concession 3, in the former Township of Front of Leeds and Lansdowne, now part of the Township of Leeds and the Thousand Islands in the United Counties of Leeds and Grenville. The property is approximately 2.08 hectares in size and is located on the east side of Tower Road, south of Union Road, and northeast of Lansdowne, Ontario. The property contains a two-storey frame house constructed between 1861 and 1891. Historically known as the Rapids Valley farm, the property was owned by the Bradley family from 1830 to the late 1960s. The Bradley House has design value as a representative example of a Gothic Revival style farmhouse. Gothic Revival was one of the most widely used architectural styles for residential buildings in the second half of the 19th century, especially in rural settings. The house's one-and-a-half storey massing on a T-plan with steeply pitched gable roof is archetypal of the Gothic Revival style. Other defining features of the style included on the house are the original pointed arch windows in the two steeply pitched small gables on the west and south elevations. The property has associative value for its direct and long-standing connection to the Bradley family, who lived continuously on the property from 1830 to the late 1960s. Their farm became known as Rapid Valley Farm, a name that was adopted locally as a geographic identifier for the surrounding area along Union Road, north of the property. It was also used as a name for the nearby 1860s schoolhouse. The southernmost portions of Lot 19 were subdivided into town lots in Lansdowne, assisting in the growth and development of the village. Later in the 20th century, Wilmer Bradley, was known for breeding champion dairy cows on the farm. He specialized in breeding Ayrshire cattle and was awarded a performance certificate from the Canadian Ayrshire Breeders Association in 1921. The property has contextual value for its role in maintaining and supporting the historic rural character of Tower Road. Its elevated siting, generous setback from the road, and tree-lined gravel driveway contribute to the area's traditional rural landscape and are consistent with historic patterns of surrounding rural residential and agricultural development.

Its heritage attributes include the two-storey massing on a T-plan, intersecting steeply pitched gable roofs with wooden eaves, wood-frame construction, original window openings, wooden porch with bell cast roof and sandstone foundation.

Additional information, including a full description of the reasons for designation is available upon request from Lindsay Lambert, Senior Planner, Planning & Development at 613-659-2415, extension 226, or at seniorplanner@townshipleeds.on.ca during regular business hours, or by visiting the Township of Leeds and the Thousand Islands website at www.leeds1000islands.ca/living-here/heritage-and-culture

Any notice of objection to this notice of intention to designate the property, setting out the reason for objection and all relevant facts, must be served upon the Township Clerk within 30 days of the first publication of this notice.

Dated at the Township of Leeds and the Thousand Islands

This 21st day of May, 2026

Michelle Hannah, Clerk

Township of Leeds and the Thousand Islands