

**APPENDIX 4**

**CULTURAL HERITAGE MEMORANDUM**





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## Memorandum

**To:** John Kukalis, Project Manager – Capital Planning

**From:** Lisa Christie, Cultural Heritage Planner

**Date:** January 26, 2026 **File:** MCM File: 0022804

**Subject:** Cultural Heritage Comments Regarding Safari Road Municipal Class Environmental Assessment (between Kirkwall and Valens Road)

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### Built Heritage/Cultural Heritage Landscapes:

The EA project area is adjacent to a concentration of properties of cultural heritage value or interest listed on the City's Inventory of Heritage Properties (Image One), including:

- 1492-1500 Kirkwall Road;
- 1688 Safari Road;
- 1359 Valens Road; and
- 1267 Valens Road.

Although not formally recognized under the *Ontario Heritage Act* through registration or designation, the study area is adjacent to a number of properties with potential cultural heritage value and staff do have an interest in ensuring any proposed changes are sympathetic to the historic character of the property and are contextually appropriate.

Sections B.3.4.2.1 (i) and B.3.4.2.7 of the Rural Hamilton Official Plan, Volume 1, states that the City of Hamilton shall, in partnership with others where appropriate, use all relevant provincial legislation, particularly the provisions of the *Ontario Heritage Act*, the *Planning Act*, R.S.O., 1990 c. P.13, the *Environmental Assessment Act*, the *Municipal Act*, the *Niagara Escarpment Planning and Development Act*, the *Cemeteries Act*, the *Greenbelt Act*, the *Places to Grow Act*, and all related plans and strategies in order to appropriately manage, conserve and protect Hamilton's cultural heritage resources, and, that the City of Hamilton shall ensure these non-designated and non-registered cultural heritage properties are identified, evaluated, and appropriately conserved through various legislated planning and assessment processes, including the *Planning Act*, R.S.O., 1990 c. P.13, the *Environmental Assessment Act* and the *Funeral, Burial and Cremation Services Act*.

The proponent proposes nominal widening of the roadway to facilitate better driver and pedestrian travel. The proposed work is likely to occur in lands directly adjacent to the public right of way, as such none of the buildings on these properties will be impacted. Staff attended the study area on November 19, 2025, to review the properties and confirm if there were any landscape features which may be impacted by the proposed work. Please find below staff's findings for each inventoried property in the study area.

### **1492-1500 Kirkwall Road**

The property located at 1492-1500 Kirkwall Road is a representative example of a circa 1860 stone farmhouse designed in the Ontario Cottage style with Georgian and Classical Revival influences. Staff can confirm that the structure fronts on to Kirkwall Road, and all major features associated with the historic farmhouse are concentrated around the farmhouse itself. While the property abuts Safari Road at the west end of the study area no historic landscape features are present. A standard wire mesh farm fence with wood and rebar posts was present along the right of way of Safari and is associated with 1492-1500 Kirkwall Road. However, this fence does not appear to be of historic value and is not considered a cultural heritage landscape feature, a photograph of the fence is provided as Image Two under the Supplementary Content heading. Staff are of the opinion that the proposed work will not have impacts on the cultural heritage value or interest of this property and the cultural heritage resource will be conserved.

### **1688 Safari Road**

The structure located at 1688 Safari Road, is not visible from the public right of way, and staff cannot confirm material or construction. The property was added to the Inventory in 1991 and may have been constructed circa 1880-1900, that being said more recent MPAC data indicates a construction date of 1996. The structure and surrounding farm buildings are located approximately 500m off of Safari Road and no impacts are expected from the proposed work. Staff reviewed the property line fronting on to Safari Road and found no cultural heritage landscape features of interest. Staff are of the opinion that the proposed work will not have impacts on the cultural heritage value or interest of this property and the cultural heritage resource will be conserved.

### **1359 Valens Road**

The structure located at 1359 Valens Road a one-storey farmhouse with an MPCA construction date of 1930. Staff can confirm that the structure fronts on to Valens Road, and all major features associated with the historic farmhouse are concentrated around the farmhouse itself. While the property abuts Safari Road at the east end of the study area no historic landscape features are present. Staff are of the opinion that the proposed work will not have impacts on the cultural heritage value or interest of this property and the cultural heritage resource will be conserved.

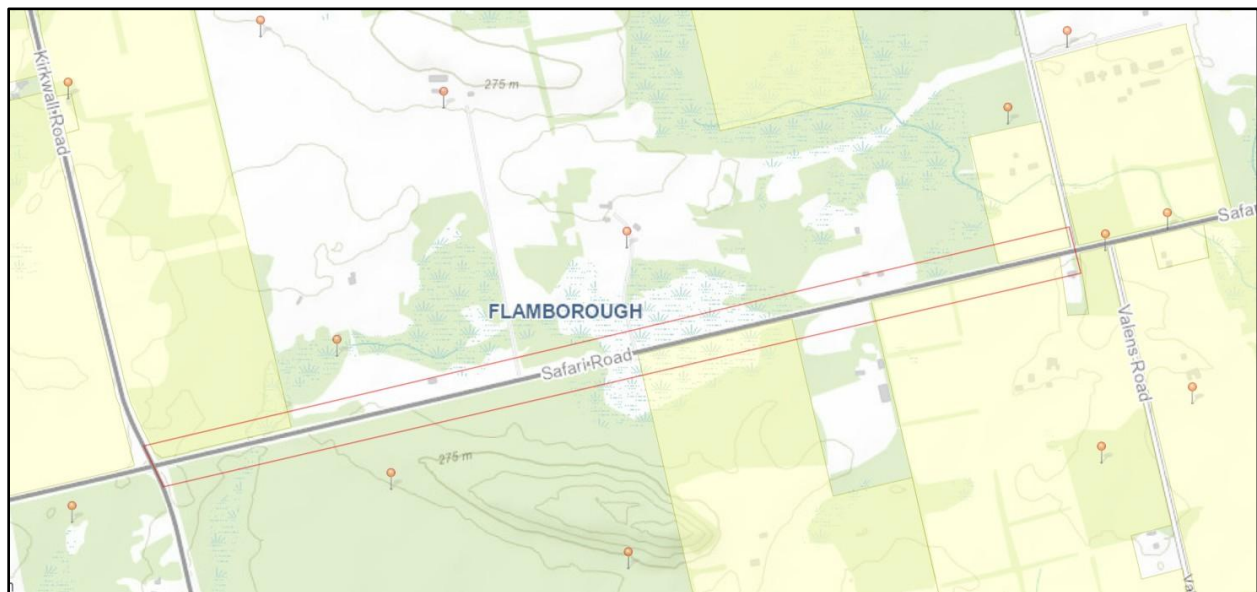
### **1267 Valens Road**

The structure located at 1267 Valens Road a two-storey farmhouse with an MPCA construction date of 1880. Staff can confirm that the structure fronts on to Valens Road, and all major features associated with the historic farmhouse are concentrated around the farmhouse itself. The property municipality addressed as 1267 Valens Road abuts Safari Road at the southeast end of the study area. One cultural heritage landscape feature of note was present adjacent to the property line. Located on the northeast edge of the farm property (Image Three) stands a stone cairn, demarcating the edge of the farmer's field. The feature is a square shaped cairn of dry-stone construction, the date of construction is unknown (Image Four and Five). It is common during farm settlement for stones found in farmers' fields to be dragged out and piled to create boundary markers. Therefore, it is possible that this is a remnant feature from the early settlement. While this landscape feature is present and may be considered historical, it is at the very end of the study area and staff feel that retention in situ may be appropriate and feasible. Should the feature need to be removed to support the work in the study area, staff have sufficiently documented the feature.

Notwithstanding that four adjacent properties are listed on the Inventory of Heritage Properties; Staff have reviewed the application and are of the opinion that the cultural heritage value or interest of the adjacent cultural heritage resources will be conserved.

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### Supplementary Content:



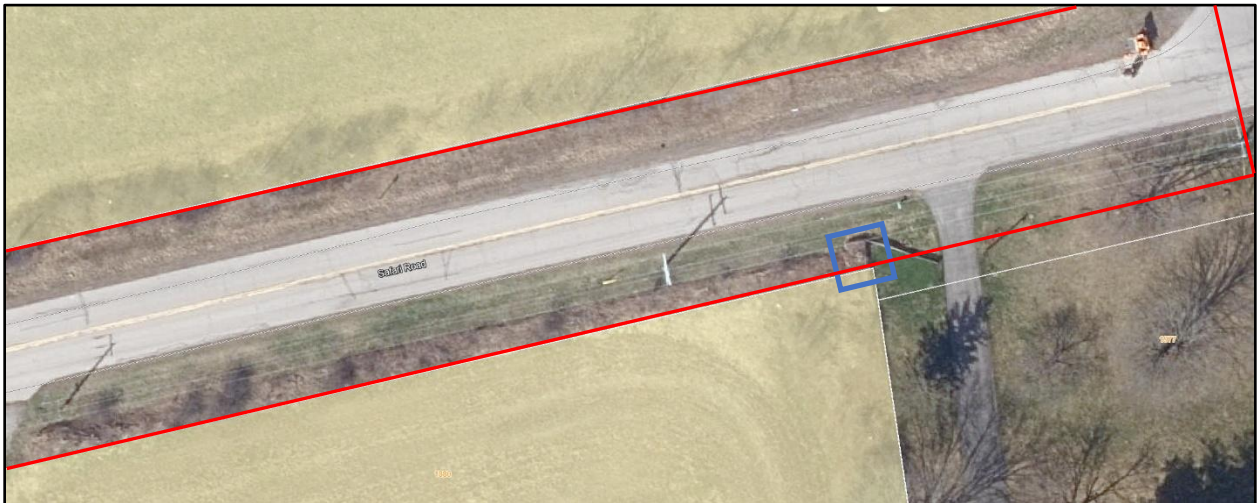
**Image One:** Safari Road depicting concentration of inventoried properties (highlighted yellow) adjacent to the study area (marked in red).

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**Image Two:** Municipally addressed parcel 1492-1500 Kirkwall Road where the property borders Safari Road, depicting the existing fence.



**Image Three:** Municipally addressed parcel 1267 Valens Road where the property borders Safari Road. Location of study area marked in red, location of stone landscape feature shown in blue.

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**Image Four:** Stone landscape feature located adjacent to Safari Road on the property municipally addressed as 1267 Valens Road.



**Image Five:** Close up of stone landscape feature located adjacent to Safari Road on the property municipally addressed as 1267 Valens Road.