

REPORT

REPORT TO: Mayor Bonnette and Members of Council

REPORT FROM: Laura Loney, Senior Heritage Planner

DATE: March 26, 2021

REPORT NO.: PD-2021-0018

RE: Amendment of Designating By-law 1979-0067 – 9 Church Street

RECOMMENDATION:

That Report No. PD-2021-0018, dated March 26, 2021, titled "Amendment of Designating By-law 1979-0067 – 9 Church Street" be received;

AND FURTHER THAT Council state its intention to amend By-law 1979-0067 in accordance with Appendix B and in accordance with Section 30.1(1.2) of the *Ontario Heritage Act*;

AND FURTHER THAT Council acknowledges that, as the Town owns the property at 9 Church Street, no additional written notice for the amendment of Designating By-law 1979-0067 is required per Section 30.1(3) of the *Ontario Heritage Act* and that a 30-day objection period for the owner of the property does not apply per Section 30.1(6) of the *Ontario Heritage Act*;

AND FURTHER THAT the amended Designating By-law for the property at 9 Church Street as contained within Appendix B of this report be brought forward to Council for adoption;

AND FURTHER THAT Council amend the original Designating By-law for the property at 9 Church Street, By-law 1979-0067, as contained within Appendix B of this report.

BACKGROUND:

In 1979, the Town of Halton Hills enacted By-law 1979-0067 to designate the property at 9 Church Street under Part IV, Section 29 of the *Ontario Heritage Act* without a designation report. On September 19, 2012, Heritage Halton Hills received a designation report titled "Halton Hills Cultural Centre and Library, Georgetown", for information, and recommended that the report be filed for information.

Staff, along with the Heritage Halton Hills Committee, have prepared an updated Research and Evaluation report for the property at 9 Church Street to better define the property's heritage attributes and understanding of its cultural heritage value (Appendix A). This Research and Evaluation Report reflects updated standards for the review of a property for potential designation and has informed an updated "Schedule B" for the Designating By-law clearly outlining the property's heritage attributes (Appendix B). The proposed amendments to the By-law also reflect updated guidelines within the proposed *Ontario Heritage Act* regulations to be enacted at a future date.

COMMENTS:

Staff consulted with Heritage Halton Hills on March 24, 2021 regarding the proposed amendments to the designation by-law for 9 Church Street. The committee had no concerns and recommended that staff report to Council regarding the proposed amendments to the Designating By-law.

RELATIONSHIP TO STRATEGIC PLAN:

This report directly aligns to the following values in the Strategic Plan 2019-2022:

Preserve, Protect & Promote our Distinctive History

To preserve the historical urban and rural character of Halton Hills through the conservation and promotion of our built heritage, cultural heritage landscapes and archaeological resources.

Achieve Sustainable Growth

To ensure that growth is managed so as to ensure a balanced, sustainable, well planned community infrastructure and services to meets the needs of its residents and businesses.

The report is also closely linked with several Focus Areas/Priorities, including Shaping Growth.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

There are no financial impacts associated with this particular report.

CONSULTATION:

The Heritage Halton Hills Committee was consulted as part of the preparation of this report.

PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT:

No public consultation was required as part of the preparation of this report.

SUSTAINABILITY IMPLICATIONS:

The Town is committed to implementing our Community Sustainability Strategy, Imagine Halton Hills. Doing so will lead to a higher quality of life. The recommendation outlined in this report advances the Strategy's implementation. This report supports the Cultural Vibrancy pillar(s) of Sustainability and the theme of Valued Heritage Legacy. In summary the alignment of this report with the Community Sustainability Strategy is Good.

COMMUNICATIONS:

The Town's Heritage Register will be updated to include the amended Designating Bylaw, and a copy of the amended Designating By-law will be provided to the Ontario Heritage Trust.

CONCLUSION:

Staff recommends that Council amend the original Designating By-law for the property at 9 Church Street, By-law 1979-0067, as contained within Appendix B of this report.

Reviewed and Approved by,

Bronwyn Parker, Director of Planning Policy

John Linhardt, Commissioner of Planning and Development

Chris Mills, Acting Chief Administrative Officer