



**BY-LAW NO. 2021-0015**

A By-law to amend Designation By-law No. 1979-0067 for the property at 9 Church Street (Georgetown) under Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act as being of cultural heritage value or interest.

**WHEREAS** Section 29 of the *Ontario Heritage Act*, R.S.O. 1990, c.O.18 authorizes the Council of a municipality to enact a by-law to designate real property, including all of the buildings and structures thereon, to be of cultural heritage value or interest;

**AND WHEREAS** authority was granted by the Council for the Corporation of the Town of Halton Hills to designate the property located at 9 Church Street (Georgetown), legally described in Schedule A and known as the former Georgetown Congregational Church, as being of cultural heritage value or interest;

**AND WHEREAS** in 1979, Council for the Town of Halton Hills adopted By-law No. 1979-0067 to designate the property at 9 Church Street (Georgetown), under Part IV of the *Ontario Heritage Act*;

**AND WHEREAS** the reasons for designation are set out in Schedule "B" of this By-law;

**AND WHEREAS** on May 3, 2021, Council for the Town of Halton Hills adopted Report No. PD-2021-0018, in which certain recommendations were made relating to the amendment of By-law 1979-0067;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF HALTON HILLS ENACTS AS FOLLOWS:**

1. THAT the former Georgetown Congregational Church located at 9 Church Street, and further described in Schedule "A", is hereby designated under Part IV of the *Ontario Heritage Act* as being of cultural heritage value or interest for the reasons set out in Schedule "B" attached to and forming part of this By-law;
2. THAT a copy of this by-law together with reasons for the designation be registered against the property and served in accordance with Section 29 of the Act;
3. THAT the Ontario Heritage Trust be provided with a copy of the amended Designation By-law.

**BY-LAW** read and passed by the Council for the Town of Halton Hills this May 3, 2021.

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MAYOR – RICK BONNETTE

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TOWN CLERK – VALERIE PETRYNIAK

**SCHEDULE "A" TO BY-LAW NO. 2021-0015**

**LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

PIN: 250330148

LT 41, PL 27, AKA YOUNG AND BARBER'S SURVEY; LTS 42, 43 & 44, PL 27, AKA YOUNG AND BARBER'S SURVEY, EXCEPT G10564. TOGETHER WITH AN EASEMENT OVER PT LT 9, PL 27, PT 1, 20R18338 AS IN HR800596 TOWN OF HALTON HILLS

## **SCHEDULE “B” to BY-LAW NO. 2021-0015**

### **REASONS FOR DESIGNATION**

#### **Description of Property**

The former Georgetown Congregational Church is located at 9 Church Street (Lot 41, 42, 43, and 44 on the Barber-Young Plan of Georgetown) in the Town of Halton Hills.

#### **Statement of Cultural Heritage Value or Interest:**

The property at 9 Church Street in Georgetown has physical and design, historical and associative, and contextual cultural heritage values. The existing Halton Hills Public Library and Cultural Centre on site has sympathetic design with elements indicative of Neo-Gothic Architecture that was prominent during the mid-late nineteenth century. Surrounding buildings are visually linked to the historic building’s architecture reflecting Gothic-Revival elements such as steep roofs and three-point arched windows. The property is also valued for its connection with prominent Georgetown families that were important in bringing business to area prior to incorporation as a Village. Having been in operation since 1895 and been at its current location since 1913, the library has grown with the surrounding community and been host to trainings for WWI soldiers, YMCA events, and arts and culture initiatives since the construction of the John Elliott Theatre in 1981.

The heritage attributes of the former Georgetown Congregational Church at 9 Church Street are identified as follows:

- The setback, placement, and orientation of the late nineteenth-century building on the southeast corner of Church and Market Streets in the downtown Georgetown area;
- The scale and form of the 50ft spire and bell tower that flanks the north-west corner of the building with a steeply pitched roof;
- The solid limestone construction materials of the original church building.
- On the east and west elevations, two large stained-glass windows. The window on the west elevation is dedicated to Maria Barber the wife of James Barber;
- On the north elevation, two pointed-arched doorways (currently bricked-in) and three stained glass pointed-arched windows, approximately 9 feet tall;
- On the west elevation, an arched doorway that has been bricked in and clad with limestone to resemble the rest of the building;
- On the interior, the vaulted ceiling arch ending in a decorative entablature with a corbel featuring a classical acanthus leaf with flowers below the cornice;
- On the north elevation, a limestone date stone above the bricked-in doorway on the north-west corner that signifies where the original entrance to the Church and Library used to be;
- On the north and west elevations, wall buttresses that extend the elevation of the building. There are twelve wall buttresses in total, eight on the north elevation and four on the west;
- On the north and west elevations, segmentally-arched window openings at the basement level; and,
- Drip-moulds atop each arched window and door around the building that feature decorative stonework.