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REPORT

TO: Mayor Bonnette and Members of Council

FROM: Laura Loney, Senior Heritage Planner

DATE: April 29, 2022

REPORT NO.: PD-2022-0029

SUBJECT: Intention to Designate under Part IV Section 29 of the Ontario Heritage Act – 26 Queen Street (McCannah-Biehn House)

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT Report No. PD-2022-0029, dated April 29, 2022 and titled “Intention to Designate under Part IV, Section 29 of the Ontario Heritage Act – 26 Queen Street (McCannah-Biehn House)” be received;

AND FURTHER THAT Council state its intention to designate the property at 26 Queen Street, legally described as “PT LT 11, PL 37, NW OF ALBERT ST; PT LT 11, PL 37, SE OF QUEEN ST, AS IN 657750”, under Part IV, Section 29 of the Ontario Heritage Act as recommended by Heritage Halton Hills;

AND FURTHER THAT the Town Clerk proceed with serving a Notice of Intention to Designate as mandated by Section 29(3) of the Ontario Heritage Act;

AND FURTHER THAT once the 30-day objection period has expired, and if there are no objections, a designation by-law for the property at 26 Queen Street be brought forward to Council for adoption.

KEY POINTS:

The following are key points for consideration with respect to this report:

- The current property owners requested designation for their property
- The property at 26 Queen Street meets Ontario Regulation 9/06 criteria for designation under Part IV of the *Ontario Heritage Act*; and,
- Staff are recommending that Council state its intention to designate the property.

BACKGROUND AND DISCUSSION:

The subject property is located at 26 Queen Street in Georgetown and includes a residential building constructed c.1900 (Appendix A). The property is currently listed on the Town's Heritage Register. The property was identified as having significant cultural heritage value through communications with the current property owners and through an evaluation of the property under Ontario Regulation 9/06 Criteria for Determining Cultural Heritage Value or Interest as prescribed under the Ontario Heritage Act.

Upon request for designation by the current property owners, Town staff, along with Heritage Halton Hills, prepared a Research & Evaluation Report for the property (Appendix B). Heritage Halton Hills reviewed the final Research & Evaluation report for the property at 26 Queen Street at its meeting of April 20, 2022, and the following motion was carried:

THAT Heritage Halton Hills recommend that Council designate the property at 26 Queen Street under Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act in accordance with the findings in the Research and Evaluation Report for the property as presented by staff.

The property at 26 Queen Street has physical and design value as a unique example of an early twentieth-century vernacular residential building with Edwardian architectural references, constructed using timber salvaged from a dismantled trestle bridge. The property at 26 Queen Street has historical and associative value due to its association with Edward McCannah, Station Agent for the Grand Trunk Railway, as well as Walter Beihn, former owner and publisher of the *Georgetown Herald*, Chamber of Commerce Secretary, Board member for the public-school board, and Councillor for Ward 3. The property also has contextual value as one of several historic properties along Queen Street in Georgetown.

STRATEGIC PLAN ALIGNMENT:

This report aligns to the Town's Strategic plan recognizing the value to preserve, protect and promote our distinctive historical urban and rural character of Halton Hills through the conservation and promotion of our built heritage, cultural heritage landscapes and archaeological resources.

This report also identifies shaping growth as one of the Town's Strategic priorities.

RELATIONSHIP TO CLIMATE CHANGE:

This report is administrative in nature and does not directly impact or address climate change and the Town's Net Zero target.

PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT:

Public Engagement was not needed as this report is administrative in nature.

INTERNAL CONSULTATION:

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

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

This report is administrative in nature and does not have any financial implications.

Reviewed and approved by,

Bronwyn Parker, Director of Planning Policy

John Linhardt, Commissioner of Planning and Development

Chris Mills, Chief Administrative Officer