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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-2022-0027

SUBJECT: Request for Removal of a Property from the Heritage Register
– 10677 Trafalgar Road

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT Report No. PD-2022-0027 dated April 29, 2022 regarding “Request for Removal of a Property from the Heritage Register – 10677 Trafalgar Road” be received;

AND FURTHER THAT the property at 10677 Trafalgar Road be removed from the Heritage Register;

AND FURTHER THAT staff be directed to work with the Region to secure material salvage and interpretation of the site as recommended in the Heritage Impact Assessment prepared by ARA dated 08/02/2022.

KEY POINTS:

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

- The property at 10677 Trafalgar Road is listed on the Town’s Heritage Register.
- The existing mid-19th century brick residential building will be impacted as part of the Trafalgar Road Widening project.
- A Heritage Impact Assessment (HIA) was prepared by heritage consultants Archaeological Research Associates Inc. (ARA) which identified removal of the existing resource as the most feasible option.
- Should Council consent to the removal of the property from the Heritage Register, staff will work with the Region to secure mitigation measures for the loss of the resource as recommended in the HIA.

BACKGROUND AND DISCUSSION:

The *Ontario Heritage Act* (OHA) states that a municipality must keep a register of properties situated in the municipality that is of cultural heritage value or interest, and this list must contain properties that have been designated under Parts IV and V of the OHA. The OHA also states that the register may include properties that have not been designated under the OHA, but that the council of the municipality believes to be of cultural heritage value or interest. These properties are referred to as being listed. Section 27 (3) of the OHA requires that an owner of a property listed on a Municipal Heritage Register provide the Town with at least 60 days' notice of their intent to demolish a structure, providing time for consideration of options with respect to heritage conservation (e.g., designation). The Town of Halton Hills' Heritage Register was developed in four Phases between 2007 and 2018 however individual properties have been subsequently added.

The property at 10677 Trafalgar Road (Appendix A) was first identified as a potential cultural heritage resource in 2014 through the background work related to Halton Region's Trafalgar Road Improvements project. The property was also highlighted in the work relating to the Vision Georgetown Secondary Plan and was listed on the Town's Heritage Register in 2018 (Appendix B). The property contains a mid-19th century brick residential structure as well as a timber outbuilding.

In early 2021, staff were contacted by Halton Region staff to discuss the proposed impacts from the anticipated widening of Trafalgar Road to the subject property, as it was determined the residential building would be impacted. Staff requested that a heritage consultant be engaged to prepare a Heritage Impact Assessment for the property to fully evaluate its cultural heritage value and to identify any options that would prevent loss of the resource. Staff received the Heritage Impact Assessment (HIA) dated February 8, 2022 prepared by Archaeological Research Associates (ARA) on behalf of Halton Region (Appendix C).

The HIA identifies that the property has cultural heritage value or interest and has met Ontario Regulation 9/06 criteria for design and contextual value relating to the single-family residential building and a timber frame outbuilding on the property. The HIA notes that several alternative design options for the Trafalgar Road widening were considered regarding the residential building, however based on project requirements and constraints the removal of the house and the retention of the outbuilding was determined to be the most practical option. The HIA also recommends additional mitigation measures following the demolition of the brick residential building, including salvage of materials, a Commemoration and Interpretive Plan, and temporary protection measures during road construction for the remaining outbuilding.

Staff concur with the findings of the HIA and agree that, while the loss of a mid-19th century resource is regrettable, the relocation of the resource is not feasible in this case. Should Council consent to the removal of the property from the Heritage Register, staff will work with the Region to secure mitigation measures for the loss of the resource as recommended in the HIA.

The Heritage Halton Hills Committee reviewed the proposal at its meeting of March 30, 2022, and adopted the following resolution:

THAT Heritage Halton Hills recommend the removal of the property at 10677 Trafalgar Road from the Heritage Register due to the anticipated impacts of the Trafalgar Road widening, and that staff work with the Region to secure material salvage and interpretation of the site as recommended in the Heritage Impact Assessment prepared by ARA dated 08/02/2022.

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 transportation 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. However, staff are recommending that materials be salvaged from the existing building following demolition to be incorporated into an interpretation and commemoration plan.

PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT:

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

INTERNAL CONSULTATION:

Heritage Halton Hills was consulted at its meeting of March 30, 2022.

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