

REPORT

TO: Mayor Lawlor and Members of Council

FROM: Laura Loney, Senior Heritage Planner

DATE: March 23, 2023

REPORT NO.: PD-2023-025

SUBJECT: Heritage Halton Hills Heritage Register Workshop Nominations

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT Report No. PD-2023-025 dated March 23, 2023 regarding Heritage Halton Hills Heritage Register Workshop Nominations be received;

AND FURTHER THAT Council receive the inventory of listed properties nominated by Heritage Halton Hills as part of the Bill 23 – Heritage Strategy Heritage Register prioritization process for information.

KEY POINTS:

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

- At its March 6, 2023 meeting, Council considered staff report PD-2023-010 regarding staff's proposed Heritage Strategy in response to changes to the Ontario Heritage Act through Bill 23 – More Homes Built Faster Act, 2022.
- Heritage Halton Hills has determined that 271 properties (Appendix A) should be nominated, thus applying an additional 10 points to each property as part of the prioritization criteria.
- Staff will begin the research and evaluation of listed properties in order of their prioritization on the Heritage Register in accordance with Council direction.

BACKGROUND AND DISCUSSION:

At its March 6, 2023 meeting, Council considered staff report PD-2023-010 regarding staff's proposed strategy in response to changes to the *Ontario Heritage Act* through Bill 23 – *More Homes Built Faster Act*, 2022.

Through its adoption of staff's report, Council directed staff to apply the Heritage Register Prioritization Criteria (Appendix B) to existing listed properties on the Town's Heritage Register and to subsequently undertake research and evaluation of these properties in order of their prioritization.

At the March 15, 2023 meeting of Heritage Halton Hills, staff reviewed over 300 nominations with committee members to either confirm their nomination and be awarded the additional 10 points as a nominated property, or to remove them from additional consideration and not be awarded the additional 10 points. Based on that discussion, Heritage Halton Hills has determined that 271 properties should be nominated (Appendix A).

Heritage Halton Hills made the following recommendation at the March 15, 2023 meeting:

Recommendation No. HHH-2023-0005

THAT Heritage Halton Hills recommends that the properties listed in Appendix A to these minutes be nominated and receive the additional 10 points for the prioritization strategy.

No properties are proposed to be removed from the Town's Heritage Register as a result of this meeting, rather an additional 10 points will be added to only those properties nominated by Heritage Halton Hills, in accordance with the Council-adopted prioritization criteria.

Each listed property on the Heritage Register has been prioritized in accordance with the Council-adopted strategy. Staff will begin the research and evaluation of properties in order of their prioritization in accordance with direction from Council following staff's March 6, 2023 report (PD-2023-010).

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 for 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 & Development

Chris Mills, Chief Administrative Officer