



REPORT

TO: Mayor Lawlor and Members of Council

FROM: Laura Loney, Senior Heritage Planner

DATE: March 22, 2023

REPORT NO.: PD-2023-026

SUBJECT: Intention to Designate under Part IV, Section 29 of the Ontario Heritage Act - 12418 Sixth Line

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT Report No. PD-2023-026 dated March 22, 2023 and titled “Intention to Designate under Part IV, Section 29 of the Ontario Heritage Act – 12418 Sixth Line” be received;

AND FURTHER THAT Council state its intention to designate the property at 12418 Sixth Line, known as Limehouse Presbyterian Church, legally described as “PT LT 23, CON 6 ESQ, AS IN 251192, EXCEPT 328345, 328346 & 328347; PT LT 23, CON 6 ESQ, AS IN EH189; HALTON HILLS/ESQUESING”, 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 12418 Sixth Line be brought forward to Council for adoption.

KEY POINTS:

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

- The property at 12418 Sixth Line (Limehouse Presbyterian Church) 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 12418 Sixth Line at the northwest corner of the intersection of Sixth Line and 22 Side Road. The property is a rectangular-shaped parcel located in the community of Limehouse, Halton Hills. The property contains a one-storey frame church building and associated horse shed.

The property at 12418 Sixth Line is not currently listed on the Town's Municipal Heritage Register. The property was identified as having significant cultural heritage value 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*.

Although the recently amended *Ontario Heritage Act* (OHA) now provides limitations for Notices of Intention to Designate properties that are not currently listed on a municipal register in the context of "prescribed events" (e.g. a Notice of Complete Application for development applications), the *OHA* permits designation of an unlisted property outside of these circumstances, thus listing the property first is not required for the subject property.

Upon request for designation from a representative of the Trustees for the Limehouse Presbyterian Church, and subsequent vote in favour of designation by the church's congregation, staff have prepared a Research & Evaluation Report (Appendix A) for the property with significant research contributed by Ray Denny, member of Limehouse Presbyterian Church and also of the Heritage Halton Hills committee.

Heritage Halton Hills reviewed the final Research & Evaluation report for the property at 12418 Sixth Line at its meeting of March 15, 2023, and the following motion was carried:

Recommendation No. HERITAGE-2023-0006

THAT Heritage Halton Hills recommend that Council designate the property at 12418 Sixth Line (Limehouse Presbyterian Church) under Part IV of the *Ontario Heritage Act*.

As described in the Research & Evaluation Report, the identified heritage attributes of the property at 12418 Sixth Line include:

Church

- The setback, placement, and orientation of the one-story church building within the property;
- The scale, form, and massing of the one-story rectangular church structure with high walls;
- The moderately-pitched roof with gable ends facing Sixth Line and the cemetery towards the rear with twelve-inch bargeboard and eave returns;
- The materials, including original clapboard siding including wide, flat, vertical corner details;

- Along the sides of the main structure, the three original tall-pointed windows, symmetrically placed and trimmed with flat six-inch wood casing, with stained glass windows with wood mullions featuring clear and amber pebbled translucent glass within the lower two-thirds of the window and dark red and blue transparent glass within the upper third; and,
- The 1961 addition, featuring wooden seven-inch siding, eave returns, moderately pitched gable roof, and central window.

Horse Shed

- The setback, placement, and orientation of the one-story horse shed building within the property;
- The scale, form, and massing of the one-story horse shed of wood construction including two-by-six-inch rafters beneath a moderately-pitched roof with gable ends and shallow eaves;
- Visible post and beam construction with mortise and tenon joinery of hand-hewn posts and beams supported by diagonal braces;
- Mid-height girts and iron rings within the interior;
- Materials, including the vertical ten-to-twelve-inch barn board on the exterior and pine boards along the roof; and,
- The central opening flanked by two smaller openings.

Based on the identified cultural heritage value of the property, and as the property meets criteria for designation per Ontario Regulation 9/06 criteria, staff are recommending that Council designate the property under Part IV of the *Ontario Heritage Act*.

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:

Consultation between staff and the Heritage Halton Hills committee led to 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 & Development

Chris Mills, Chief Administrative Officer