



REPORT

TO: Mayor Lawlor and Members of Council

FROM: Laura Loney

DATE: April 20, 2023

REPORT NO.: PD-2023-032

SUBJECT: Intention to Designate under Part IV, Section 29 of the Ontario Heritage Act – 20 Queen Street

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT Report No. PD-2023-032 dated April 20, 2023 and titled “Intention to Designate under Part IV, Section 29 of the Ontario Heritage Act – 20 Queen Street ” be received;

AND FURTHER THAT Council state its intention to designate the property at 20 Queen Street, known as the George C. Kennedy House, legally described as “PT LTS 8 & 9, PL 37, SE OF QUEEN ST, AS IN 761809;”, 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 20 Queen Street (Georgetown) be brought forward to Council for adoption.

KEY POINTS:

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

- The property at 20 Queen Street (George C. Kennedy House) 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 20 Queen Street, Georgetown, and contains a mid-19th century Gothic Revival residential building. The property was listed on the Town's Heritage Register during Phase 2 of the Town's Heritage Register process and was identified as an excellent example of a Gothic Revival residence as part of the vast McCannah estate.

Upon request for designation from the property owner, staff, with assistance from Heritage Halton Hills member Mark Rowe, have prepared a Research & Evaluation Report (Appendix A) for the property.

Heritage Halton Hills reviewed the final Research & Evaluation Report for the property at its meeting of April 19, 2023, and the following motion was carried:

Recommendation No. HERITAGE-2023-0010

1. THAT Heritage Halton Hills recommend Council designate the property at 20 Queen Street (Georgetown) under Part IV of the *Ontario Heritage Act*.

The property has been identified as having physical and design value as an excellent example of a brick, Gothic-Revival residential building in the community of Georgetown. The house is associated with the founding family of Georgetown, the Kennedy family, as well as Edward McCannah. Contextually, the George C. Kennedy House has value as one of several historic properties along Queen Street.

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

- The setback, placement and orientation of the c.1855 George C. Kennedy House above the east side of Queen Street, Georgetown;
- The scale, form and massing of the building as a one-and-a-half storey, dichromatic brick Gothic Revival residential building with stone foundation;
- The hipped roof with central gable along the front elevation;
- The materials, including dichromatic brick, stone foundation, wooden bargeboard and soffits, wooden shutters (where extant along the side elevations), and stone sills, brick voussoirs and stone hood moulds;
- On the front (southwest) elevation:
 - The centrally-placed entrance within the projecting bay with transom window and sidelights beneath a Gothic-arched window below the central gable peak with wooden bargeboard;
 - The symmetrically placed paired flat-headed window openings on either side of the central entrance with stone sills, brick voussoirs and stone hood moulds;
 - Dichromatic quoining at each corner;
- On the side (southeast and northeast) elevations:
 - Symmetrically placed paired flat-headed window openings with wooden shutters (where extant).

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