



REPORT

TO: Mayor Lawlor and Members of Council

FROM: Laura Loney, Senior Heritage Planner

DATE: April 20, 2023

REPORT NO.: PD-2023-030

SUBJECT: Intention to Designate under Part IV, Section 29 of the Ontario Heritage Act – 548 Main Street (Glen Williams)

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT Report No. PD-2023-030 dated April 20, 2023 and titled “Intention to Designate under Part IV, Section 29 of the Ontario Heritage Act – 548 Main Street ” be received;

AND FURTHER THAT Council state its intention to designate the property at 548 Main Street, known as the Smith-Thompson House, legally described as “LT 34, RCP 1556;”, 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 548 Main Street (Glen Williams) be brought forward to Council for adoption.

KEY POINTS:

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

- The property at 548 Main Street (Smith-Thompson 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 548 Main Street, Glen Williams, and contains a one-and-a-half-storey Gothic Revival residential frame cottage with moderately pitched asphalt shingle roof with a centre gable. The property was listed on the Town's Heritage Register during Phase 1 of the Town's Heritage Register process and was identified as an early village vernacular house that may have been built for mill workers.

Upon request for designation from the property owner, Heritage Halton Hills member Mark Rowe and staff 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-2023-0012

1. THAT Heritage Halton Hills recommend Council designate the property at 548 Main Street (Glen Williams) under Part IV of the *Ontario Heritage Act*.

The property has been identified as having physical and design value as a representative example of simple industrial housing in the Gothic Revival residential style, as one of the few earliest surviving village homes in Glen Williams, and for its associations with the Smith family and context within an historic streetscape. As described in the Research & Evaluation Report, the identified heritage attributes of the property include:

- The setback, placement, and orientation of the c.1849 Smith-Thompson House along the west side of Main Street, Glen Williams;
- The scale, form, and massing of the building as a one-and-a-half storey, simple rectangular frame Gothic Revival residential building with clapboard exterior;
- The gable roof with central dormer and gothic-arched window opening on the primary elevation; and, along the south elevation, the double bay clapboard window.

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