



## REPORT

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**TO:** Mayor Lawlor and Members of Council

**FROM:** Laura Loney, Senior Heritage Planner

**DATE:** May 8, 2023

**REPORT NO.:** PD-2023-038

**SUBJECT:** Removal of a Listed Property from the Heritage Register – 152 Confederation Street

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### RECOMMENDATION:

THAT Report No. PD-2023-038 dated May 8, 2023 regarding “Removal of a Listed Property from the Heritage Register – 152 Confederation Street” be received;

AND FURTHER THAT the property at 152 Confederation Street (Glen Williams) be removed from the Heritage Register.

### KEY POINTS:

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

- The property at 152 Confederation Street in Glen Williams is listed on the Town’s Heritage Register, and the owner has requested that it be removed.
- Staff have reviewed the Heritage Impact Assessment prepared by WSP with Heritage Halton Hills and concur with its findings that the property is not a significant cultural heritage resource.
- Staff are recommending that the property at 152 Confederation Street be removed from the Heritage Register.

### 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).

Recent changes to the OHA require municipalities to remove properties from the Heritage Register if they have not been designated within two years of being listed, or within two years from the amendments to the OHA. As such, the property at 152 Confederation Street would be automatically removed as of January 1, 2025 if it was not yet designated by Council at that time. Additionally, 152 Confederation Street was not one of the properties nominated by Heritage Halton Hills for prioritization as part of the Town's Heritage Strategy in March 2023.

The property at 152 Confederation Street was added to the Heritage Register in Phase 3 of the Town's Heritage Register process (Appendix A). In March 2023, staff received a formal request from the current property owner of 152 Confederation to remove the property from the Heritage Register with the submission of a Heritage Impact Assessment (HIA) prepared by heritage consultants WSP (Appendix B). A demolition application has not been submitted at this time.

The HIA submitted by the owner finds that, although the listing report for the property identified the existing structure as a good example of Neoclassical residential architecture, it is instead an extensively modified Ontario cottage. Additionally, significant modifications have been made to the barn, silo and overall farmscape. Many of the changes to the property have been made by the current owner since the 1980s, including extensive architectural detailing found on the exterior. As such, WSP recommends that, as the property does not meet Ontario Regulation 9/06 criteria for designation under the *Ontario Heritage Act*, Council should remove the property from the Heritage Register.

Staff concur with the findings of the HIA and brought the matter to the April 19, 2023 meeting of Heritage Halton Hills (HHH) for discussion. HHH agreed with the findings of the HIA and made the following recommendation:

Recommendation No. HHH-2023-0009

THAT Heritage Halton Hills recommend Council remove the property at 152 Confederation Street from the Heritage Register.

Based on the findings of the HIA, and with the support of HHH, staff recommends that Council remove the property at 152 Confederation Street from the Heritage Register.

**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 in 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