



BY-LAW NO. 2023-0054

A By-law to designate the Smith-Thompson House, located at 548 Main Street, Glen Williams under Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act as being of cultural heritage value or interest.

WHEREAS Section 29 of the Ontario Heritage Act, R.S.O. 1990, c.O.18 authorizes the Council of a municipality to enact a by-law to designate real property, including all of the buildings and structures thereon, to be of cultural heritage value or interest;

AND WHEREAS authority was granted by the Council for the Corporation of the Town of Halton Hills to designate the property at 548 Main Street, Town of Halton Hills, Regional Municipality of Halton, and known as the Smith-Thompson House as being of cultural heritage value or interest;

AND WHEREAS the Council for the Corporation of the Town of Halton Hills has caused to be served upon the owners of the land and premises known as the Smith-Thompson House at 548 Main Street, and upon the Ontario Heritage Trust, Notice of Intention to Designate the property and has caused Notice of Intention to be published in a newspaper having a general circulation in the Municipality as required by the Ontario Heritage Act;

AND WHEREAS the Reasons for Designation are set out in Schedule "B" of this by-law;

AND WHEREAS on May 29, 2023, Council for the Town of Halton Hills approved Report No. PD-2023-030, dated April 20, 2023, in which certain recommendations were made relating to the designation of the subject property;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF HALTON HILLS ENACTS AS FOLLOWS:

1. THAT the Smith-Thompson House located at 548 Main Street, and further described in Schedule "A", is hereby designated under Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act as being of cultural heritage value or interest for the reasons set out in Schedule "B" attached to and forming part of this By-law;
2. THAT a copy of this By-law together with reasons for the designation be registered against the property and served in accordance with Section 29 of the Act;
3. THAT a notice of this By-law be published in accordance with Section 29 of the Act.

BY-LAW read and passed by the Council for the Town of Halton Hills this 19th day of June, 2023.

MAYOR – ANN LAWLOR

TOWN CLERK – VALERIE PETRYNIAK

SCHEDULE "A" TO BY-LAW NO. 2023-0054

LEGAL DESCRIPTION

PIN: 250110135

LT 34, RCP 1556; HALTON HILLS

SCHEDULE “B” TO BY-LAW NO. 2023-0054

REASONS FOR DESIGNATION

Description of Property

The Smith-Thompson property is located at 548 Main Street, Glen Williams, Halton Hills, and is a rectangular village lot #11, situated on the west side of Main Street, between Mountain Street and Forster Street. The subject property contains a one-and-a-half-storey Gothic Revival residential frame cottage with moderately pitched asphalt shingle roof with a centre gable. It is situated near the northern property line, demarcated by a line of pine trees, with a one-storey former garage at the rear of the asphalt driveway, along the southern property line.

Statement of Cultural Heritage Value or Interest

The Smith-Thompson house at 548 Main Street, Glen Williams, Halton Hills, is part of the fabric of the hamlet of Glen Williams that defines the charm and attraction of this Credit Valley hamlet as a tourist attraction.

The property at 548 Main Street has physical and design value as a representative example of simple industrial housing in the Gothic Revival residential style. The existing house was constructed in 1849, the beginning of the village phase in this area. While the original central entrance has been modified, the scale, form and massing of the house as visible from the public realm, the central gable with window centered beneath, and covered porch are reflective of the style which is extant throughout the Province. The changes made reflect the growing prosperity of the local working population.

The property at 548 Main Street has historical and associative value as one of the few surviving earliest village homes in the community of Glen Williams, built by the founding family. Its associative value is with the immigrant Smith family as workers at the village woollen mill. It is further associated with the labouring Thompson family who later established the Thompson & Wilson Ginger Beer business.

The property at 548 Main Street has contextual value as modest worker’s housing, part of the streetscape definition of housing flanking the former woollen mill site along Main Street and Tweedle Street in the immediate area. The Smith-Thompson House is physically, functionally, visually and historically linked to its surroundings along Main Street in Glen Williams to the west of the Credit River amongst several other mid-to-late nineteenth- and early-twentieth century housing.

Heritage Attributes

The identified heritage attributes of the property at 548 Main Street that contribute to its physical and design value, historical and associative value, and contextual value include:

- The setback, placement and orientation of the c.1849 Smith-Thompson House along the westside 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; and,
- 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.