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REPORT

TO: Mayor Lawlor and Members of Council

FROM: Laura Loney, Manager of Heritage Planning

DATE: June 22, 2023

REPORT NO.: PD-2023-046

SUBJECT: Intention to Designate under Part IV, Section 29 of the Ontario Heritage Act – 10996 Trafalgar Road

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT Report No. PD-2023-046 dated June 22, 2023 and titled “Intention to Designate under Part IV, Section 29 of the Ontario Heritage Act – 10996 Trafalgar Road” be received;

AND FURTHER THAT Council state its intention to designate the property at 10996 Trafalgar Road, known as St. John’s Anglican Church, legally described as “PT LT 15, CON 7, AS IN EW4112 & EW4113; 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 10996 Trafalgar Road be brought forward to Council for adoption.

KEY POINTS:

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

- The property at 10996 Trafalgar Road 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 10996 Trafalgar Road and contains a one-storey frame church building. The property was listed on the Town's Heritage Register during Phase 1 of the Town's Heritage Register process and was identified as a typical Gothic Revival style church. The church serves as a meeting place for the St. John's Anglican Church and has functioned as a church since 1840.

The property at 10996 Trafalgar Road has been researched and evaluated by staff as part of the Town's Council-approved Heritage Register prioritization strategy to respond to *Bill 23, More Homes, Built Faster Act, 2022*¹.

On May 25, 2023, a designation information package and letter from Heritage staff were delivered to the property owner regarding the ongoing research and evaluation of the property. Staff also followed up with church representatives via email on June 6, 2023 and attached the letter and designation report. A warden of St. John's Anglican Church, Barbara Mansfield, is serving as representative for the church for the purposes of the designation process.

Mansfield attended the June 21, 2023 meeting of Heritage Halton Hills and provided the committee with additional information regarding St. John's Anglican church and proposed minor revisions to the report's contents. Staff have revised the report accordingly.

Heritage Halton Hills reviewed the Research & Evaluation Report for the property at the June 21, 2023 meeting and the following motion was carried:

Recommendation No. HERITAGE-2023-0021

1. THAT Heritage Halton Hills recommend Council designate the property at 10996 Trafalgar Road under Part IV of the *Ontario Heritage Act*.

The property has been identified as having cultural heritage value as an early representative of a rural church building with Gothic Revival influences, closely associated with early Protestant church communities in Halton Hills including the Methodist and Anglican churches, associations with the Stewarttown community, and contextual value as a landmark at the southern terminus of Stewarttown. As described in the Research & Evaluation Report, the identified heritage attributes of the property include:

- The setback, placement, and orientation of the c.1840s frame church building at the southwest corner of 15 Side Road and Trafalgar Road
- The scale, form and massing of the one-storey stuccoed frame structure with gable roof with front vestibule;
- The materials, including stuccoed exterior;
- On the front (east) elevation:

¹ Bill 23 stipulates that municipalities have a two-year window to determine whether properties on the Heritage Register warrant designation under the Ontario Heritage Act. If not so designated after two years, properties must be removed from the Heritage Register.

- The central vestibule with wooden lancet stained-glass window with wood surround;
- Beneath the centre gable, the recessed alcove with bell; and,
- On the side (north and south) elevations, the three symmetrically placed lancet window openings with wood surrounds.

The interiors of the church building, rear one-storey addition and raised entrance within the front vestibule have not been included as part of the heritage attributes of the property. These modifications to the original church building, while complimentary to the structure, should remain flexible to accommodate future uses for the building as well as accessibility as may be required.

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:

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