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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-2023-048

SUBJECT: Intention to Designate under Part IV, Section 29 of the Ontario Heritage Act – 533 Main Street

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT Report No. PD-2023-048 dated June 22, 2023 and titled “Intention to Designate under Part IV, Section 29 of the Ontario Heritage Act – 533 Main Street” be received;

AND FURTHER THAT Council state its intention to designate the property at 533 Main Street, known as the Glen Methodist Church, legally described as “LT 58, RCP 1556; HALTON HILLS”, 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 533 Main Street be brought forward to Council for adoption.

KEY POINTS:

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

- The property at 533 Main Street 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 533 Main Street (Appendix A) and contains a one-storey frame church structure clad in brick. 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 unique wood frame Methodist church built 1840 and bricked over in 1903. The church has existed since 1840 and is located in the heart of Glen Williams next to the Credit River.

The property at 533 Main Street 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 met with the property owner over Teams on June 8, 2023 to provide additional information regarding the ongoing research and evaluation process and to discuss next steps. Staff also provided the owner with a copy of the Research and Evaluation Report (Appendix B) for the property on June 15, 2023 via email. Prior to the Heritage Halton Hills committee meeting on June 21, 2023, the owner provided a letter of objection for the committee's consideration, identifying her concerns with the proposed designation of the property (Appendix C).

Heritage Halton Hills reviewed the final Research & Evaluation Report for the property and letter of objection provided by the owner on June 21, 2023. The following motion was carried:

Recommendation No. HERITAGE-2023-0020

1. THAT Heritage Halton Hills recommend Council designate the property at 533 Main Street (Glen Williams) under Part IV of the *Ontario Heritage Act*.

The property has been identified as having cultural heritage value as a representative example of a Gothic Revival Church, historically linked to the religious community within Glen Williams and the establishment of the Episcopal Methodist Church and United Church, and contextually significant within Glen Williams along Main Street. As described in the Research & Evaluation Report, the identified heritage attributes of the property include:

The heritage attributes of the Glen Methodist Church at 533 Main Street are identified as follows:

- The setback, placement, and orientation of the mid-nineteenth century Gothic Revival Glen Methodist Church along Main Street in Glen Williams;

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 scale, form, and massing of the one-storey brick-clad frame structure with gable roof;
- Materials throughout, including red brick cladding and detailing, stone foundations, stone sills, and lintels;
- On the front (west) elevation,
 - o The one-storey brick-clad vestibule with gable roof, raised central Gothic-arched entrance with stained glass transom, and brick hood mould;
 - o Symmetrically-placed lancet window openings on either side of the main entrance with brick hood moulds;
 - o Brick buttresses at the corner of the front and side elevations; and
 - o Centered above the front elevation, the commemorative stone reading “Glen Methodist Church A.D. 1837 & 1902”; and,
- On the side (north and south) elevations,
 - o Four symmetrically placed lancet window openings with brick buttresses between, above flat-headed window openings at the basement level with stone lintels within the stone foundation.

The 1960s addition and interiors of the existing church building were not identified as heritage attributes of the property.

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