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## REPORT

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

**FROM:** Laura Loney, Manager of Heritage Planning

**DATE:** September 15, 2023

**REPORT NO.:** PD-2023-066

**SUBJECT:** Intention to Designate Under Part IV, Section 29 of the Ontario Heritage Act – 26 Guelph Street

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### RECOMMENDATION:

THAT Report No. PD-2023-066 dated September 15, 2023 and titled “Intention to Designate under Part IV, Section 29 of the Ontario Heritage Act – 26 Guelph Street” be received;

AND FURTHER THAT Council state its intention to designate the property at 26 Guelph Street, known as the H.T. Arnold Glove Factory, legally described as “PT LT 18, CON 9 ESQ, AS IN 531113, EXCEPT PART 1, 20R6287; 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 26 Guelph 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 26 Guelph Street known as the H.T. Arnold Glove Factory 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 26 Guelph Street in Georgetown and contains a two-storey brick structure with raised basement level on rubble stone foundation with one-storey rear addition, surrounded by a paved parking lot and mature trees along the south and east lot lines. The property was listed on the Town's Heritage Register during Phase 3 of the Town's Heritage Register process (2016) and was identified as the location of the H.T. Arnold & Sons glove factory between 1901 and 1922.

The property at 26 Guelph 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*<sup>1</sup>.

On July 20, 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 sent a letter to the property owner on August 29, 2023 advising them that the property would be considered at the September 13, 2023 meeting of Heritage Halton Hills. The property owner attended the committee meeting and asked questions of the committee and staff, however did not indicate whether they would object to or support the designation at that time.

Heritage Halton Hills reviewed the Research & Evaluation report for the subject property at the September 13, 2023 meeting and the following motion was carried:

### Recommendation No. HHH-2023-0028

THAT Heritage Halton Hills recommend Council issue a Notice of Intention to Designate for the property at 26 Guelph Street (H.T. Arnold Glove Factory) for designation under the *Ontario Heritage Act*.

The property has been identified as having cultural heritage value as a representative industrial building in the community of Georgetown, associated with the development of the leather and associated industries in Acton and Georgetown and with H.T. Arnold, and as a long-standing landmark at the corner of Mill Street and Guelph Street in Georgetown that is linked to its historic surroundings.

The heritage attributes of the property at 26 Guelph Street are identified as follows:

- The location, setback, and orientation of the existing building at the intersection of Guelph Street and Mill Street;
- The scale, form, and massing of the two-storey industrial building with partially exposed basement level and flat roof;
- The brick exterior in a running bond pattern, currently painted over;
- The northwest corner detail and reveal at Mill Street and Guelph Street, with segmentally arched window opening at the upper storey; and,

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<sup>1</sup> 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.

- Segmentally arched window openings throughout, including extant and legible in-filled openings on the east elevation, north elevation and west elevation and stone sills where extant.

The interior of the existing building has not been investigated as part of this report and is not identified as a heritage attribute.

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