



## **HERITAGE HALTON HILLS COMMITTEE MINUTES**

Minutes of the Heritage Halton Hills Committee meeting held on Wednesday September 13, 2023, in the Esqueing Room at Town Hall, 1 Halton Hills Drive, Halton Hills, ON.

**Members Present:** Councillor C. Somerville, Chair, Councillor J. Racinsky, C. Donaldson, L. Quinlan, M. Rowe, R. Denny, A. Walker, T. Brown,

**Staff Present:** L. Loney, Senior Heritage Planner, L. Bateson, Administrative Coordinator, Maddie Hendricks, Cultural Heritage Assistant, R. Brown, Deputy Clerk - Administration

**Others Present:** J. Martin, 514 & 517 Main Street, Glenn Williams  
A. Watt, 26 Guelph Street, Georgetown  
S. Boose, B. Lawrence, C. Vail, 116 Main Street South, Georgetown

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### **1. CALL TO ORDER**

Chair C. Somerville opened the meeting at 4:30 p.m.

### **2. DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY/CONFLICT OF INTEREST**

There were no disclosures of pecuniary or conflict of interest.

### **3. RECEIPT OF PREVIOUS MINUTES**

#### **3.a Minutes of the Heritage Halton Hills Committee Meeting held on June 21, 2023.**

Recommendation No. HHH-2023-0024

THAT the minutes of the heritage Halton Hills Committee Meeting held on June 21, 2023, be received.

**CARRIED**

#### **4. SCHEDULED ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION**

##### **4.a Research and Evaluation Report - 9920 Regional Road 25, Halton Hills (Towercliffe House)**

L. Loney noted that staff had followed protocols in notifying the owner, the owner has not reached out and is not present.

L. Loney advised the committee that the property at 9920 Regional Road 25 has physical and design value as a unique example of a vernacular cut-stone residential structure with Queen Anne and Romanesque Revival influences in its design. Built with local materials, the cut limestone exterior of the house has remained largely unaltered since its construction at the turn of the last century.

The property has historical and associative value due to its associations with its builder, local quarryman and bridge builder Joseph Bate. The property is also associated with longtime owner William (Bill) Hampshire, who helped construct the building and was a significant figure in the local community.

The property has contextual value as it remains in its original location within the rural area along Regional Road 25, maintaining the existing context of residential properties along this portion of the highway. The property remains physically, functionally, visually, and historically linked to its surroundings.

##### Recommendation No. HHH-2023-0025

THAT Heritage Halton Hills recommend Council issue a Notice of Intention to Designate for the property at 9920 Regional Road 25 (Towercliffe House) for designation under the *Ontario Heritage Act*.

**CARRIED**

##### **4.b Research and Evaluation Report - 514 Main Street, Glen Williams (Williams-Beaumont House)**

The owner of the property was present.

L. Loney advised the committee that the property at 514 Main Street has physical and design value as an excellent example of residential Gothic Revival architecture within the Town of Halton Hills. Notwithstanding minor alterations to the exterior of the building, the defining characteristics of the Williams-Beaumont House have been conserved since its construction in 1856. Additionally, the barn at the rear of the property is an excellent example of a 19th -century bank barn.

The property has significant historical and associative value within the community of Glen Williams. The Williams-Beaumont House was constructed by Charles Williams, son of Benajah Williams who by 1833 had purchased the entire 400-acre parcel of land that became known as Glen Williams. Charles Williams, a leading figure in the community, was referred to as “Squire” Williams, and was a successful industrialist. The original house on the subject property was a frame house built by Charles Williams, who later built the existing two-storey brick house for his son-in-law, miller, and later doctor, Moffit Forster. The property is also associated with the Beaumont family, as it was purchased by Joseph Beaumont in 1910. Joseph Beaumont was the son of Samuel Beaumont who established the Beaumont Woolen Mill. The house remained in the Beaumont family until 1999.

The property has contextual value as a significant landmark along Main Street to the east of the Credit River in the community of Glen Williams. The building has stood in this location since its construction in the mid-nineteenth century and has retained an extraordinary level of original features and architectural details. The Williams-Beaumont House serves to define and maintain the historic character of the community as part of the historic streetscape of Main Street within the Glen.

L. Loney responded to questions from the owner.

Recommendation No. HHH-2023-0026

THAT Heritage Halton Hills recommend Council issue a Notice of Intention to Designate for the property at 514 Main Street (Williams-Beaumont House) for designation under the *Ontario Heritage Act*.

**CARRIED**

**4.c Research and Evaluation Report - 517 Main Street, Glen Williams (Williams-Wheeler General Store)**

The owner of the property was present.

L. Loney advised the committee that the property at 517 Main Street has physical and design value as a representative vernacular nineteenth-century brick commercial building within the community of Glen Williams. The red and buff brick building, with gable roof, rubble stone foundation and wooden architectural detailing makes the Williams-Wheeler store an excellent example of early European development in the mid-nineteenth century in the Glen.

The property has significant historical and associative value due to its associations with the Williams Family, Wheeler Family, and the European

settlement and early growth of Glen Williams. The Wheeler-Williams Store was constructed by leading community figure Charles Williams, son of Glen Williams founder Benajah Williams, an industrialist, Justice of the Peace, and the first Postmaster in the community. The store was also run for decades by members of the Wheeler Family, with four members of the family had serving as postmasters in the hamlet between 1885 and 1972.

The property has significant contextual value as a landmark along Main Street in the heart of Glen Williams. The Williams-Wheeler Store has stood in this location since 1856, before Confederation, and has remained an integral part of the community since its construction. One of several mid-nineteenth century buildings along Main Street, the Williams-Wheeler Store at 517 Main Street is physically, visually, and historically linked to its surroundings in Glen Williams. The Williams-Wheeler store contributes to the heritage character and cultural heritage value of the community and is an integral part of the historic core of Glen Williams.

L. Loney responded to questions from the owner.

Recommendation No. HHH-2023-0027

THAT Heritage Halton Hills recommend Council issue a Notice of Intention to Designate for the property at 517 Main Street (Williams-Wheeler General Store) for designation under the *Ontario Heritage Act*.

**CARRIED**

**4.d Research and Evaluation Report - 26 Guelph Street, Georgetown (H. T Arnold Glove Factory)**

The owner of the property was present.

L. Loney advised the committee that the property at 26 Guelph Street has physical and design value as one of few remaining structures within Georgetown associated with early industry in the Town's communities of Georgetown and Acton. The building has retained its original scale, form, and massing as a two-storey brick structure along a historically industrial corridor along Mill Street. It is representative of turn-of-the-century industrial architecture in its simplicity of design, functionality, high ceilings, flat roof, lack of ornamentation, and flat-headed window openings.

The property has value due to its historical associations with the development of the leather industry and associated industries in both Acton and Georgetown. The H.T. Arnold Glove Factory was constructed in this location following an agreement between local industrialist H.T. Arnold and his family and the Town council to establish his factory in Georgetown. The property also has historical and associative value due to its

associations with prominent community member H.T. Arnold and his family members towards the end of the nineteenth century into the twentieth.

The property has contextual value as a long-standing landmark at the corner of Mill Street and Guelph Street. The existing building has been identified as a landmark within Downtown Georgetown and its height, visual appearance and location has served as a historical anchor at this intersection for over 120 years.

L. Loney responded to questions from the owner.

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*.

**CARRIED**

**4.e Research and Evaluation Report - 116 Main Street South, Georgetown (Knox Presbyterian Church)**

Representatives of the property were present.

L. Loney advised the committee that the property at 116 Main Street South has physical and design value as a representative example of a Gothic Revival Church within the community of Georgetown. The existing church building has retained its original features and architectural detailing throughout the exterior that contribute to its Gothic Revival style, Knox Presbyterian Church demonstrates a high degree of craftsmanship in its construction, and of specific note are the stained glass windows and wooden tracery within window openings throughout, as well as the bells manufactured by the significant bellfoundry of London, Taylors of Loughborough.

The property has significant value to its associations with early Protestant Christian communities in Georgetown and the surrounding area, with linkages to Limehouse Presbyterian Church, and a long-standing association with the Georgetown community. The Knox Presbyterian Church has connections to the Lawson family, particularly H.P. Lawson and his wife, Mrs. Lawson. H.P. was a prominent member of the Georgetown community, known as the provider of Georgetown's first hydropower, earliest entrepreneur in the sawmill and lumber business, an extensive landholder in Esquesing, and a helpful member providing financial assistance for those in need when purchasing or constructing a home.

The property has contextual value as a significant landmark within Georgetown at the corner of Church Street and Main Street South. A church building has been extant in this location since the late 1860s, with the current church having been extant since 1887. Knox Presbyterian Church helps to define, maintain, and support the character of Downtown Georgetown in its position on a slight rise above Main Street South within an open space. The existing church building has retained its original features and architectural detailing throughout the exterior that contribute to its Gothic Revival style. Knox Presbyterian Church demonstrates a high degree of craftsmanship in its construction, and of specific note are the stained glass windows and wooden tracery within window openings throughout, as well as the bells manufactured by the significant bellfoundry of London, Taylors of Loughborough.

The property has significant value to its associations with early Protestant Christian communities in Georgetown and the surrounding area, with linkages to Limehouse Presbyterian Church, and a long-standing association with the Georgetown community.

L. Loney responded to questions from the representatives.

Recommendation No. HHH-2023-0029

THAT Heritage Halton Hills recommend Council issue a Notice of Intention to Designate for the property at 116 Main Street South (Knox Presbyterian Church) for designation under the *Ontario Heritage Act*.

**CARRIED**

**4.f Research and Evaluation Report - 75 Mill Street, Georgetown (The Birches)**

L. Loney noted that staff had followed protocols in notifying the owner, the owner has not reached out and is not present.

L. Loney advised the committee that the property at 75 Mill Street has physical and design value as an excellent example of a Craftsman Bungalow within the community of Georgetown. The Birches, despite minor alterations to the front porch columns, has retained significant architectural details characteristic of the style. Built by J.B. Mackenzie for his family, The Birches is an excellent example of Mackenzie's skill and craftsmanship as reflected by a number of his remaining buildings within the Town of Halton Hills, including the Old Post Office across the street.

The property has historical and associative value due to its association with prominent contractor and resident of Halton Hills, J.B. Mackenzie. In addition to running two mills in Georgetown and Acton, he ran a

contracting business under the name J.B Mackenzie & Son and constructed numerous buildings in Town.

The property has contextual value due to its location in Downtown Georgetown on Mill Street. It is the only residential home of its size located in the downtown and contributes to the streetscape. It is also situated adjacent to two notable projects acquired by J.B Mackenzie & Son, such as the Post Office and Customs House and the Roxy Theatre in Georgetown.

Recommendation No. HHH-2023-0030

THAT Heritage Halton Hills recommend Council issue a Notice of Intention to Designate for the property at 75 Mill Street (The Birches) for designation under the *Ontario Heritage Act*.

**CARRIED**

**4.g Update - 519 and 521 Main Street, Glen Williams**

L. Loney advised that there are new representatives for this property. Staff are still working towards compliance. L. Loney will continue to update the committee on the status of this project.

**4.h Cultural Heritage Strategy**

L. Loney presented the final draft of the Cultural Heritage Strategy to the committee. The Strategy will be before Council at the September 18, 2023, Council Meeting for consideration with final adoption anticipated to occur at the October 10, 2023, Council Meeting.

**5. ITEMS TO BE SCHEDULED FOR NEXT MEETING**

None

**6. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 5:40 p.m.