



## REPORT

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

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

**DATE:** November 17, 2023

**REPORT NO.:** PD-2023-071

**SUBJECT:** Intention to Designate Under Part IV, Section 29 of the Ontario Heritage Act – 12 & 16 Adamson Street South

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### RECOMMENDATION:

THAT Report No. PD-2023-071 dated November 17, 2023 and titled “Intention to Designate under Part IV, Section 29 of the Ontario Heritage Act – 12 & 16 Adamson Street South” be received;

AND FURTHER THAT Council state its intention to designate the property at 12 & 16 Adamson Street South, known as St. Paul’s Anglican Church and Parish Hall, legally described as “PT LT 11, CON 11 ESQ, AS IN EW6464 EXCEPT PART 1 PLAN 20R20844; TOWN OF 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 12 & 16 Adamson Street South be brought forward to Council for adoption.

### KEY POINTS:

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

- The property at 12 & 16 Adamson Street South 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 subject property.

## **BACKGROUND AND DISCUSSION:**

The subject property is located at 12 & 16 Adamson Street South, Norval. The property is located along the east side of Adamson Street South in the community of Norval, west of the Credit River. The property includes a one-storey frame church building within the north portion of the property and a one-storey parish hall building within the south portion. The property was listed on the Town's Heritage Register during Phase 2 of the Town's Heritage Register process (2011); the church was identified as an excellent example of a Gothic Revival style church associated with the religious history of Norval, and the Parish Hall was identified with the church as well as community life in Norval.

The property at 12 & 16 Adamson Street South, Norval 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>.

An information package and notice of the Town's Heritage Strategy in response to Bill 23 was sent to the property owner in August 2023. Staff met with the property owners on September 12, 2023, and discussed their questions and concerns relating to designation.

On October 4, a second notice was sent to the owner advising that the Research and Evaluation report for the property would be reviewed by Heritage Halton Hills at its October 18<sup>th</sup> meeting.

Heritage Halton Hills reviewed the Research & Evaluation report for the subject property at the October 18, 2023, meeting and the following motion was carried:

### Recommendation No. HHH-2023-0038

THAT Heritage Halton Hills recommend Council issue a Notice of Intention to Designate for the property at 12 & 16 Adamson Street South (Norval) (St. Paul's Anglican Church) for designation under the *Ontario Heritage Act*.

On November 10, staff sent an email to the property owner as well as a registered letter identifying that they would be bringing a recommendation report to Council on December 11, 2023, concerning their property.

The property has been identified as having significant cultural heritage value as an excellent example of an evolved ecclesiastical landscape featuring a late-nineteenth-century wood-frame rural Gothic Revival church building and an early-twentieth-century parish hall in the community of Norval. The property is associated with the early Protestant Christian communities in Norval and the surrounding area, and with the growth of Anglican congregations within the Township of Esquesing, as well as several significant community members in Norval. The property also has contextual value as a

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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.

long-standing ecclesiastical landscape along the west side of Adamson Street South in the community of Norval.

The heritage attributes of the property at 12-16 Adamson Street South in Norval are identified as follows:

- The setback, location, and orientation of the existing c.1845 St. Paul's Anglican Church building and c.1927 Parish Hall at the east side of Adamson Street South in the community of Norval in the Town of Halton Hills;
- For St. Paul's Anglican Church:
  - o The scale, form, and massing of the one-storey Gothic Revival church building, with gable roof and central tower with steeple;
  - o The central entrance within the tower with lancet-arched opening beneath two louvered lancet-arched openings;
  - o The steeple atop the central tower;
  - o Along the side elevations, the evenly spaced lancet-arched window openings;
  - o On the north elevation, the brick chimney extending above the existing roofline;
- For St. Paul's Parish Hall:
  - o The scale, form, and massing of the one-storey, rectangular-form building with gable roof;
  - o The central entrance, currently located within the one-storey vestibule at the front elevation;
  - o The evenly spaced rectangular window openings along the side elevations.

The interiors of both buildings, as well as the one-storey vestibule at the front elevation of St. Paul's Parish Hall, and the rear elevations of both buildings, have not been identified as heritage attributes of the subject 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 at 12 & 16 Adamson Street South 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