



BY-LAW NO. 2023-0111

A By-law to designate the Harrison-Brown House, located at 4 Stewarttown Road, Stewarttown, under Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act as being of cultural heritage value or interest.

WHEREAS Section 29 of the Ontario Heritage Act, R.S.O. 1990, c.O.18 authorizes the Council of a municipality to enact a by-law to designate real property, including all of the buildings and structures thereon, to be of cultural heritage value or interest;

AND WHEREAS authority was granted by the Council for the Corporation of the Town of Halton Hills to designate the property at 4 Stewarttown Road, Town of Halton Hills, Regional Municipality of Halton, and known as the Harrison-Brown House as being of cultural heritage value or interest;

AND WHEREAS the Council for the Corporation of the Town of Halton Hills has caused to be served upon the owners of the land and premises known as the Harrison-Brown House at 4 Stewarttown Road, and upon the Ontario Heritage Trust, Notice of Intention to Designate the property and has caused Notice of Intention to be published in a newspaper having a general circulation in the Municipality as required by the Ontario Heritage Act;

AND WHEREAS the Reasons for Designation are set out in Schedule "B" of this by-law;

AND WHEREAS on October 30, 2023, Council for the Town of Halton Hills approved Report No. PD-2023-047, dated June 22, 2023, in which certain recommendations were made relating to the designation of the subject property;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF HALTON HILLS ENACTS AS FOLLOWS:

1. THAT the Harrison-Brown House located at 4 Stewarttown Road, and further described in Schedule "A", is hereby designated under Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act as being of cultural heritage value or interest for the reasons set out in Schedule "B" attached to and forming part of this By-law;
2. THAT a copy of this By-law together with reasons for the designation be registered against the property and served in accordance with Section 29 of the Act;
3. THAT a notice of this By-law be published in accordance with Section 29 of the Act.

BY-LAW read and passed by the Council for the Town of Halton Hills this 11th day of December, 2023.

MAYOR – ANN LAWLOR

TOWN CLERK – VALERIE PETRYNIAK

SCHEDULE "A" TO BY-LAW NO. 2023-0111

LEGAL DESCRIPTION

PIN: 250160094

PT LT 17, CON 7 ESQ, AS IN 581967; S/T 107884 HALTON HILLS/ESQUESING

SCHEDULE "B" TO BY-LAW NO. 2023-0111

REASONS FOR DESIGNATION

Description of Property

The property at 4 Stewarttown Road is located along the northwest side of Stewarttown Road in Stewarttown to the west of Trafalgar Road. The property is an irregularly shaped parcel containing a mid-nineteenth century residential building known as the Harrison-Brown House situated on a rise above Stewarttown Road, surrounded by mature trees and soft landscaping. The property is accessed via a driveway from Stewarttown Road. The property features a large grassed lawn, mature trees, and a fenced swimming pool area.

Statement of Cultural Heritage Value or Interest

The property at 4 Stewarttown Road has physical and design value as a representative example of a mid-nineteenth century vernacular building with Georgian influences within the community of Stewarttown in Halton Hills. Its unique dichromatic, locally hand-pressed brick laid in the Flemish-bond pattern displays a high degree of artistic merit, as evidenced by later alterations which have maintained the Flemish bond pattern and dichromatic brick throughout. While some alterations to select window openings, chimneys, and a rear addition have modified the original structure to a certain extent, the original, simple form of the building remains legible, and with the dichromatic brickwork and symmetrically-placed original door and window openings extant throughout the building, the Harrison-Brown House has maintained its integrity since its construction almost 165 years ago.

The property at 4 Stewarttown Road has historical and associative value due to its associations with the early development of the community of Stewarttown, and its associations with the original owner, farmer John Harrison and his family, who owned a significant portion of the land in this area in the mid-nineteenth century. Additionally, the property is associated with long-time owner, Gordon Oliver Brown, who was a soldier, active community member, agent for the Willoughby Farm Agency, member of Halton County Council, Deputy Reeve of Esquesing, and Sheriff for Halton.

The property at 4 Stewarttown Road has contextual value as part of the historic community of Stewarttown and helps to define, maintain, and support the heritage character and cultural heritage value of the area as a visible presence along Stewarttown Road. The Harrison-Brown House, in its original location on a rise above Stewarttown Road, is physically, functionally, visually, and historically linked to its surroundings within the residential community within Stewarttown. While not a landmark in terms of size or location, the building's unusual dichromatic brick pattern stands out along the streetscape.

Heritage Attributes

The identified heritage attributes of the property at 4 Stewarttown Road that contribute to its physical and design value include:

- The setback, placement, and orientation of the c.1850s brick residential building on a rise above Stewarttown Road;
- The scale, form, and massing of the original one-and-a-half storey brick structure with one-storey brick wing on a stone foundation (excluding the rear contemporary addition);
- The materials, including dichromatic (buff and red brick throughout), stone foundation, stone sills, and lintels where extant;
- On the front elevation facing Stewarttown Road,

- The symmetrically placed door with transom and window openings at the first and second storeys on the one-and-a-half storey portion of the building;
- The stone lintel, flat-headed window opening with stone sill and lintel and flat-headed entrance within the one-storey wing;
- Dichromatic brickwork throughout laid in Flemish bond;
- On the side (northwest) elevation, the dichromatic brickwork laid in Flemish bond featured throughout the elevation above the stone foundation;
- On the side (southeast) elevation:
 - The symmetrically placed flat-headed window openings at the first storey; and,
 - Dichromatic brickwork laid in Flemish bond.

The identified heritage attributes of the property at 4 Stewarttown Road that contribute to its historical and associative value include:

- The property's legibility as a mid-nineteenth century residential building along Stewarttown Road in Stewarttown.

The identified heritage attributes of the property at 4 Stewarttown Road that contribute to its contextual value include:

- The property's legibility as a mid-nineteenth century residential along Stewarttown Road;
- The setback, placement, and orientation of the c.1850s brick residential building on a rise above Stewarttown Road;
- The scale, form, and massing of the original one-and-a-half storey brick structure with one-storey brick wing.

The rear addition and other outbuildings on the property have not been identified as heritage attributes.