



**BY-LAW NO. 2024-0008**

A By-law to designate St. Paul's Anglican Church and Parish Hall, located at 12 & 16 Adamson Street South, Norval, 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 12 & 16 Adamson Street South, Town of Halton Hills, Regional Municipality of Halton, and known as St. Paul's Anglican Church and Parish Hall, 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 St. Paul's Anglican Church and Parish Hall at 12 & 16 Adamson Street South, 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** on December 11, 2023, Council for the Town of Halton Hills approved Report No. PD-2023-071, dated November 17, 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 St. Paul's Anglican Church and Parish Hall located at 12 & 16 Adamson Street South, 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 12th day of February, 2024.

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MAYOR – ANN LAWLOR

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TOWN CLERK – VALERIE PETRYNIAK

**SCHEDULE "A" TO BY-LAW NO. 2024-0008**

**LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

PIN: 250600112

PT LT 11, CON 11 ESQ, AS IN EW6464 EXCEPT PART 1 PLAN 20R20844; TOWN  
OF HALTON HILLS

## **SCHEDULE "B" TO BY-LAW NO. 2024-0008**

### **REASONS FOR DESIGNATION**

#### **Description of Property**

The property at 12 and 16 Adamson Street South 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. A paved parking lot is located between both buildings and mature trees are located along the rear (east) property line.

#### **Statement of Cultural Heritage Value or Interest**

The property at 12 & 16 Adamson Street South has physical and design 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, within the Town of Halton Hills. The existing c.1845 church building is a representative example of a rural interpretation of the Gothic Revival church style using local wood and materials and has retained those features which are characteristic of the style including its symmetrical form, central tower with steeple, rectangular form with gable roof, and lancet-arched door and window openings. Stucco cladding has been extant on the exterior for over 100 years. The c.1927 Parish Hall, while modest in scale and architectural detail, is representative of an early-twentieth-century, purpose-built structure, with continued use by parishioners and members of the community since its construction. Together, these two structures make up an evolved ecclesiastical landscape that has existed in Norval along Adamson Street South since the church was first constructed in the mid-nineteenth century.

St. Paul's Anglican Church and Parish Hall at 12 & 16 Adamson Street South are significant for their association with the early Protestant Christian communities in Norval and the surrounding area, and with the growth of Anglican congregations within the Township of Esquesing. Located along the west side of Adamson Street South in Norval, the church and Parish Hall have a long association with the Norval community. The property is also associated with significant nineteenth century community members in Norval, including Colonel Peter Adamson, then the proprietor of the Norval Mills and prominent local figure, who donated the property at 12 & 16 Adamson Street South for the location of the church, as well as the land for the church's cemetery; postmaster William Clay and his family; and Norval Mill owner Robert Noble. Additionally, Canadian author Lucy Maud Montgomery, during the seven years she lived in Norval, held performances and plays within the Parish Hall, and occasionally attended services at the church.

The property at 12 & 16 Adamson Street South has contextual value as a long-standing ecclesiastical landscape along the west side of Adamson Street South in the community of Norval. A landmark along Adamson Street South, the white-stuccoed church with a central tower and steeple has been in this location for almost 180 years, while the modest parish building at the south end of the property has been extant for almost 100 years. While the property has evolved over time, the church and Parish Hall remain physically, functionally, visually, and historically linked to their surroundings within Norval, continuing to serve as a place of worship for members of the local community and, in the case of the Parish Hall, as a community centre as well.

## Heritage Attributes

The identified heritage attributes of the property at 12 & 16 Adamson Street South that contribute to its physical and design value include:

- 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:
  - The scale, form, and massing of the one-storey Gothic Revival church building, with gable roof and central tower with steeple;
  - The central entrance within the tower with lancet-arched opening beneath two louvered lancet-arched openings;
  - The steeple atop the central tower;
  - Along the side elevations, the evenly spaced lancet-arched window openings;
  - On the north elevation, the brick chimney extending above the existing roofline;
- For St. Paul's Parish Hall:
  - The scale, form, and massing of the one-storey, rectangular-form building with gable roof;
  - The central entrance, currently located within the one-storey vestibule at the front elevation;
  - The evenly spaced rectangular window openings along the side elevations.

The identified heritage attributes of the property at 12 & 16 Adamson Street South that contribute to its historical and associative value include:

- The property's legibility as a mid-nineteenth-century Gothic Revival church building and early-twentieth-century parish hall within the community of Norval.

The identified heritage attributes of the property at 12 & 16 Adamson Street South that contribute to its contextual value include:

- The property's legibility as a mid-nineteenth-century Gothic Revival church building and early-twentieth-century parish hall within the community of Norval.
- The setback, location, and orientation of the existing c.1845 church building and c.1927 parish hall; and,
- The scale, form, and massing of the one-storey church building and one-storey parish hall within the subject property.