HERITAGE HALTON HILLS COMMITTEE MINUTES

Minutes of the Heritage Halton Hills Committee meeting held on Wednesday January 17, 2024, in the Esquesing 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, Manager of Heritage Planning,

S. Swinfield, Planner - Policy and Development Review,

R. Brown, Deputy Clerk - Administration

Others Present: M. Stec, Property Owner – 14 Main Street South,

Georgetown (Virtual)

1. CALL TO ORDER

Councillor C. Somerville, Chair called the meeting to order 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 Minute of the Heritage Halton Hills Committee Meeting held on October 18, 2023.

Recommendation No. HHH-2024-0001

THAT the Minutes of the Heritage Halton Hills Committee Meeting held on October 18, 2023, be received.

4. SCHEDULED ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

4.a Research and Evaluation Report - 46 Mill Street East (Acton)

L. Loney provided an overview of the property and noted that it meets 4 out of the 9 criteria for designation. It is a representative example of a vernacular Gothic Revival building. It has historical and associative value, it is associated with the Perryman family, Merchant's Bank, and Harry and Martha Mainprize. The property has contextual value as it maintains, supports, and defines character, visually, physically, and functionally and is historically linked to its surroundings. This property is a good candidate for designation.

Recommendation No. HHH-2024-0002

THAT the Heritage Halton Hills Committee recommend Council issue a Notice of Intention to Designate for the property at 46 Mill Street East (Acton) for designation under the *Ontario Heritage Act*.

CARRIED

4.b Research and Evaluation Report - 50-52 Main Street South (Georgetown)

L. Loney provided an overview of the property and noted that it meets 4 out of the 9 criteria for designation. It is a vernacular late 19th century commercial building within the downtown core. It has historical and associative value, it is associated with Charles McKinlay, important members of the community who have owned it (Dale, Bennett, Licata), owner recognized in the business community. The property has contextual value as it helps to define the built character of the downtown, in its original location, linked to its surroundings. This property is a good candidate for designation.

Recommendation No. HHH-2024-0003

THAT the Heritage Halton Hills Committee recommend Council issue a Notice of Intention to Designate for the property at 50-52 Main Street South (Georgetown) for designation under the *Ontario Heritage Act*.

4.c Research and Evaluation Report - 49-57 Main Street South (Georgetown)

M. Rowe provided an overview of the property and noted that it meets 4 out of the 9 criteria for designation. It is representative of a 19th century commercial structure within the downtown core. It has historical and associative value, it is associated with John Sumpter, Lee Sing, Chou Family, local politician John Joseph Gibbons. The property has contextual value as it defines the built character of the downtown and is linked to its historic surroundings. This property is a good candidate for designation.

Recommendation No. HHH-2024-0004

THAT the Heritage Halton Hills Committee recommend Council issue a Notice of Intention to Designate for the property at 49-57 Main Street South (Georgetown) for designation under the *Ontario Heritage Act*.

CARRIED

4.d Research and Evaluation Report - 61-65 Main Street South (Georgetown)

M. Rowe provided an overview of the property and noted that it meets 5 out of the 9 criteria for designation. It is representative of a 19th century commercial structure within the downtown core. It has historical and associative value, it is associated with Nicholas Armour and several business and property owners over time, it represents over 150 years of commercial development services. The property has contextual value as it defines the built character of the downtown and is linked to its historic surroundings. This property is a good candidate for designation.

Recommendation No. HHH-2024-0005

THAT the Heritage Halton Hills Committee recommend Council issue a Notice of Intention to Designate for the property at 61-65 Main Street South (Georgetown) for designation under the *Ontario Heritage Act*.

4.e Research and Evaluation Report - 87 Main Street South (Georgetown)

L. Loney provided an overview of the property and noted that it meets 4 out of the 9 criteria for designation. It is the last remaining portion of a mid – 19th century vernacular commercial building within the downtown core. It has historical and associative value, it is associated with Francil Barclay, Brill & Co., Cotton Brothers and other businesses. The property has contextual value as it defines the built character of the downtown and is linked to its historic surroundings. This property is a good candidate for designation.

Recommendation No. HHH-2024-0006

THAT the Heritage Halton Hills Committee recommend Council issue a Notice of Intention to Designate for the property at 87 Main Street South (Georgetown) for designation under the *Ontario Heritage Act*.

CARRIED

4.f Research and Evaluation Report - 14 Main Street South (Georgetown)

L. Loney provided an overview of the property and noted that it meets 7 out of the 9 criteria for designation. It is a mid-19th century Gothic Revival church building that was designed by Henry Langley. It has historical and associative value, it is associated with early Baptist congregations in Georgetown, significant members included the Dayfoots, and Henry Langley "dean of ecclesiastical architecture in Ontario". The property has contextual value as it is a longstanding landmark in its original location and is linked to its historic surroundings. This property is a good candidate for designation.

M. Stec, the property owner noted that he has development plans for the property to build up and around the building while still retaining the historical features of the building. He wants to ensure that development of the property can continue if designation occurs.

Recommendation No. HHH-2024-0007

THAT the Heritage Halton Hills Committee recommend Council issue a Notice of Intention to Designate for the property at 14 Main Street South (Georgetown) for designation under the *Ontario Heritage Act*.

4.g Research and Evaluation Report - 77 Market Street (Georgetown)

L. Loney provided an overview of the property and noted that it meets 4 out of the 9 criteria for designation. It has retained many features of a 19th century Gothic Revival Church building, although it has been significantly altered. It has historical and associative value, it is associated with Wesleyan Methodist Church, Silent Movie Theatre/Russel Gregory, Oddfellows. The property has contextual value as it is in its original location at the terminus of Wesleyan Street and is linked to its historic surroundings. This building's exterior has been significantly altered with many of the historical features covered up, the pitch of the roof has also been changed. For these reasons this property is not a good candidate for designation but may be a good candidate for interpretation and commemoration.

Recommendation No. HHH-2024-0008

THAT the Heritage Halton Hills Committee does not recommend designation at this time for the property at 77 Market Street (Georgetown).

CARRIED

4.h Update - 519-521 Main Street (Glen Williams)

L. Loney advised that the new windows have been installed and all that remains to be done is to paint the frames. The owner that L. Loney has been communicating with has indicated that they may be interested in future restorations.

4.i Proposed Windows - 77 Bower Street

L. Loney advised the committee that the property owner has proposed replacement windows made of a new kind of product. The window frames would be made of reclaimed wood, mixed with polymers that is supposed to last a lifetime. The owner would like to know if the new product would be considered for the Heritage Property Grant Program.

The committee requires further information about the product before they can provide a recommendation so this item will be deferred to a future meeting pending more information.

4.j Farmstead Evaluation Strategy

S. Swinfield provided an overview of the proposed Farmstead Evaluation Strategy. The evaluation criteria will be based on 4 overarching categories: Location, Community Value, Historical Integrity, and Individual Resource Evaluation. Properties will receive a point for each criterion they meet

within these categories. The scoring would be out of 31 and those properties scoring on the higher end would be stronger candidates for designation and those scoring on the lower end would not be as strong of candidates for designation but may be better suited for interpretation and commemoration for any removed features.

Every property would be evaluated by staff but then that evaluation would be reviewed by the Committee to decide whether the evaluation is accurate and then the next steps will be determined.

The committee had some comments on the criteria and evaluation process, Heritage staff are going to take those comments and review the strategy and evaluation criteria and bring back the strategy for Committee approval at a future meeting.

5. ITEMS TO BE SCHEDULED FOR NEXT MEETING

Farmstead Evaluation Strategy

77 Bower Street Windows

6. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 6:05 p.m.