



BY-LAW NO. 2024-0028

A By-law to designate the Roe Block, located at 49-57 Main Street South, Georgetown, 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 49-57 Main Street South, Georgetown, Town of Halton Hills, Regional Municipality of Halton, and known as the Roe Block, 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 Roe Block, located at 49-57 Main 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 March 4, 2024, Council for the Town of Halton Hills approved Report No. PD-2024-006, dated January 19, 2024, 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 Roe Block located at 49-57 Main Street South, Georgetown, 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 15th day of April, 2024.

MAYOR – ANN LAWLOR

TOWN CLERK – VALERIE PETRYNIAK

SCHEDULE "A" TO BY-LAW NO. 2024-0028

LEGAL DESCRIPTION

PIN: 250420022

49 Main Street South: PT LT 19, CON 9 ESQ, PARTS 2, 3, 4, 12, 13, 14, 15, 17 & 18, 20R5856; T/W & S/T 588702; HALTON HILLS

PIN: 250420023

51 Main Street South: PT LT 19, CON 9 ESQ, PART 5, 20R5856; T/W & S/T 574083; HALTON HILLS

PIN: 250420024

53 Main Street South: PT LT 19, CON 9 ESQ, PART 6, 7, 19, 20, 20R5856; T/W & S/T 618615; HALTON HILLS

PIN: 250420025

55 Main Street South: PT LT 19, CON 9 ESQ, PART 8, 9, 21, 22, 23, 27, 20R5856; T/W & S/T 657461; HALTON HILLS

PIN: 250420026

57 Main Street South: LT 27, PL 59, EXCEPT PM172; PT LT 46, PL 59, AS IN 546995; HALTON HILLS; PT LT 1, PL 37, E OF MAIN ST OR NW OF MILL ST; PT LT 19, CON 9 ESQ, PART 10, 11, 24, 25, 26, 20R5856; T/W & S/T 657459; HALTON HILLS.

SCHEDULE “B” TO BY-LAW NO. 2024-0028

REASONS FOR DESIGNATION

Description of Property

The property at 49-57 Main Street South in Georgetown, Town of Halton Hills, is located along the east side of Main Street South, north of Mill Street. The existing two-storey red brick building has running bond red clay bricks with a centre block wider than the flanking blocks. Along the front (southwest) elevation, the building has a raised parapet over the centre unit and a date stone engraved with “Roe Block 1888.”

Statement of Cultural Heritage Value or Interest

The Roe Block at 49-57 Main Street South has physical and design value as a representative 19th-century commercial structure within downtown Georgetown. The two-storey building height with a centre block, red brick exterior with stepped crenellated cornice, vertical second-storey windows with brick voussoirs and stone sills, and recessed entry doors, while reflective of typical commercial buildings constructed within Ontario during its period, incorporates several unique characteristics.

The Roe Block at 49-57 Main Street South has historical and associative value as it relates to Georgetown’s original merchant, John Sumpter. It is directly associated with the Canadian immigrant story of Lee Sing (local laundryman) and the Chou family (local restaurateurs). It is also associated with local politician John Joseph Gibbons and his roles as barber, town councillor, town assessor, and ultimately Mayor of Georgetown.

The Roe Block at 49-57 Main Street South has contextual value as it is important in defining the built heritage character of the downtown. The existing two-storey building remains in its original location, physically and functionally linked to its surroundings as a commercial property on the Georgetown main street.

Heritage Attributes

The identified heritage attributes of the property at 49-57 Main Street South that contribute to its physical and design value include:

- The setback, placement, and orientation of the two-storey, mid-19th century commercial building within a commercial row in historic downtown Georgetown;
- The scale, form, and massing of the two-storey building with flat roof and red brick exterior, with a stepped crenellated cornice;
- The materials, including red brick exterior, brick detailing throughout, and rubble stone foundation;
- The balanced vertical window openings with voussoirs and stone sills on the second storey of the front (west) elevation;
- The date-stone, engraved with “Roe Block 1888”;
- Extant window openings along the second storey of the front elevation;
- The side (north) brick elevation; and,
- The recessed storefront configuration along the first storey of the front elevation.

The interiors and rear elevations have not been identified as heritage attributes of the subject property at this time.

The identified heritage attributes of the property at 49-57 Main Street South that contribute to its historical and associative value include:

- The property's legibility as a late-nineteenth-century commercial building within a historic row in the historic downtown of Georgetown, Town of Halton Hills.

The identified heritage attributes of the property at 49-57 Main Street South that contribute to its contextual value include:

- The property's legibility as a late-nineteenth-century commercial building within a historic row in the historic downtown of Georgetown, Town of Halton Hills.
- The setback, location, and orientation of the existing building along Main Street South in Georgetown; and,
- The scale, form, and massing of the two-storey commercial building along Main Street South.