



BY-LAW NO. 2024-0030

A By-law to designate the Armour Block located at 61-65 Main Street South 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 61-65 Main Street South, Georgetown, Town of Halton Hills, Regional Municipality of Halton, and known as the Armour 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 Armour Block at 61-65 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-2024-007, 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 Armour Block located at 61-65 Main 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 15th day of April, 2024.

MAYOR – ANN LAWLOR

TOWN CLERK – VALERIE PETRYNIAK

SCHEDULE "A" TO BY-LAW NO. 2024-0030

LEGAL DESCRIPTION

PIN: 250420031

PT LT 1, PL 37, E OF MAIN ST OR NW MILL ST, AS IN 439680; T/W 439680;
HALTON HILLS

SCHEDULE "B" TO BY-LAW NO. 2024-0030

REASONS FOR DESIGNATION

Description of Property

The 1871 commercial building comprised of 61-65 Main Street South in Georgetown is located along the east side of Main Street South, north of Mill Street. The existing building is two storeys, with recessed storefronts and entrances above a single step at the first storey.

Statement of Cultural Heritage Value or Interest

The Armour Block at 61-65 Main Street South has physical and design value as a representative 19th-century commercial structure within downtown Georgetown. The two-storey building height with red brick exterior at the upper storeys, round-arched windows with brick voussoirs, stone sills and keystones, and bracketed cornice, with dual storefronts recessed at the first storey, is reflective of typical commercial buildings constructed within Ontario during its period.

The Armour Block at 61-65 Main Street South has historical and associative value due to its associations with builder Nicholas Armour, a local chronometer and watch maker, as well as the property owners and businesses located within the building since its construction in 1871, including William Thompson's grocery store, the Wheeler Family (selling dolls and jewelry), J.F. Levinsky (selling boys and men's clothing), William Millar's department store, and Agonstino and Rosie Restivo's (later Dick Licata's and then Enrico Caruso's) fruit and vegetable store. The existing building has also housed chiropractic offices, a beauty shop, Goldham's Meats, a decorating centre, gift shop, and spiritual gift and service centre over the years. The subject property is linked to over 150 years of commercial development and services in downtown Georgetown and its uses have evolved over time since its construction.

The Armour Block at 61-65 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. The scale, form and massing of the building helps to define the historic streetwall along Main Street South in the downtown.

Heritage Attributes

The identified heritage attributes of the property at 61-65 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 bracketed cornice;
- The materials, including red brick exterior and stone detailing;
- The balanced vertical, round-arched window openings with voussoirs and stone sills and keystones on the second storey of the front (west) elevation;
- The recessed storefront configuration along the first storey of the front elevation.

The interiors and rear of the property have not been identified as heritage attributes as part of this report.

The identified heritage attributes of the property at 61-65 Main Street South that contribute to its historical and associative value include:

- The property's legibility as a mid-19th century commercial building within a commercial row in historic downtown Georgetown.

The identified heritage attributes of the property at 61-65 Main Street South that contribute to its contextual value include:

- The property's legibility as a mid-19th century commercial building within a commercial row in historic downtown Georgetown;
- The setback, location, and orientation of the existing building along Main Street South in Georgetown; and,
- The scale, form, and massing of the existing building.