



REPORT

TO: Mayor Lawlor and Members of Council

FROM: Laura Loney, Manager of Heritage Planning

DATE: April 18, 2024

REPORT NO.: PD-2024-031

SUBJECT: Intention to Designate under Part IV, Section 29 of the Ontario Heritage Act – 91 Mill Street East

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT Report No. PD-2024-031 dated April 18, 2024 and titled “Intention to Designate under Part IV, Section 29 of the Ontario Heritage Act – 91 Mill Street East” be received;

AND FURTHER THAT Council state its intention to designate the property at 91 Mill Street East, Acton, known as the Arnold House, legally described as “PT LT 27, BLK 5, PL 31, AS IN 743138 ALSO SHOWN ON PL 1098; TOWN OF HALTON HILLS”, under Part IV, Section 29 of the Ontario Heritage Act as recommended by Heritage Halton Hills;

AND FURTHER THAT the Town Clerk proceed with serving a Notice of Intention to Designate as mandated by Section 29(3) of the Ontario Heritage Act;

AND FURTHER THAT once the 30-day objection period has expired, and if there are no objections, a designation by-law for the property at 91 Mill Street East, Acton be brought forward to Council for adoption.

KEY POINTS:

The following are key points for consideration with respect to this report:

- Staff have completed a Research & Evaluation Report for the property at 91 Mill Street East in accordance with the Town’s Council-approved Heritage Register Prioritization Strategy to respond to *Bill 23, More Homes, Built Faster Act, 2022*.
- The subject property meets Ontario Regulation 9/06 criteria for designation under Part IV of the *Ontario Heritage Act*, and,

- Staff are recommending that Council state its intention to designate the property.

BACKGROUND AND DISCUSSION:

The property at 91 Mill Street East contains a two-and-a-half-storey frame residential Edwardian building with brick veneer, set back from the street and accessed via a gravel driveway. The existing house features a hipped roof and is partially screened with mature trees and vegetation from the right of way. The property was listed on the Town's Heritage Register during Phase 2 of the Town's Heritage Register process (2011) and was identified as a good example of an Edwardian style residence, built by Roy Arnold of the Storey Glove Factory.

The property at 91 Mill Street East has been researched and evaluated by staff as part of the Town's Council-approved Heritage Register prioritization strategy to respond to *Bill 23, More Homes, Built Faster Act, 2022*¹. Additionally, the owners of the property at 91 Mill Street East, Acton, requested that their property be designated under Part IV of the *Ontario Heritage Act* in August 2023.

Staff contacted the property owners in Fall 2023 to take photographs of the subject property, and an additional notice was sent on April 4, 2024, advising that the Research and Evaluation Report for the subject property would be reviewed at the April 17, 2024, meeting of Heritage Halton Hills.

Heritage Halton Hills reviewed the final Research & Evaluation Report for the property at its meeting of April 17, 2024.

Following discussion, the following motion was carried:

Recommendation No. HHH-2024-0021

THAT Heritage Halton Hills Committee recommend Council issue a Notice of Intention to Designate for the property at 91 Mill Street East, Acton for designation under the *Ontario Heritage Act*.

The property has been identified as a representative example of an Edwardian residential building in the community of Acton, associated with Roy Arnold, son of H.T. Arnold and president of the Canada Glove Works between 1945 and 1954, and Mary Arnold, who was an active community member and served as deputy distributor for ration books during the Second World War. The Arnolds lived at the subject property for almost 40 years. Contextually, the Arnold House is important in defining and maintaining the late-nineteenth-century character of the area and is historically linked to its surroundings.

As described in the Research & Evaluation Report, the identified heritage attributes of the property at 91 Mill Street East include:

¹ Bill 23 stipulates that municipalities have a two-year window to determine whether properties on the Heritage Register warrant designation under the Ontario Heritage Act. If not so designated after two years, properties must be removed from the Heritage Register.

- The setback, location, and orientation of the existing residential building at 91 Mill Street East in the community of Acton, Town of Halton Hills;
- The scale, form, and massing of the two-and-a-half storey frame Edwardian Foursquare building with brick cladding and stone foundation with hipped roof, central dormer, and brick chimney at the rear;
- Materials, including red brick cladding, stone foundation, and concrete sills and lintels;
- The front (south) elevation, including:
 - Covered wooden porch at the first storey;
 - Flat-headed door opening with stone lintel;
 - Flat-headed window openings at the first and second storeys;
 - Central hipped roof dormer;
- The side (east and west) elevations, including:
 - Flat-headed window openings with concrete sills and lintels; and,
- The red brick chimney at the rear (north) elevation.

The interiors have not been identified as heritage attributes as part of this report.

Based on the identified cultural heritage value of the property, and as the property meets criteria for designation per Ontario Regulation 9/06 criteria, staff are recommending that Council designate the property under Part IV of the *Ontario Heritage Act*.

STRATEGIC PLAN ALIGNMENT:

This report identifies natural areas and heritage as one of the Town's Strategic priorities.

RELATIONSHIP TO CLIMATE CHANGE:

This report is administrative in nature and does not directly impact or address climate change and the Town's Net Zero target.

PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT:

Public Engagement was not needed as this report is administrative in nature.

INTERNAL CONSULTATION:

Heritage Halton Hills was consulted in the preparation of this report.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

This report is administrative in nature and does not have any financial implications.

Reviewed and approved by,

Bronwyn Parker, Director of Planning Policy

John Linhardt, Commissioner of Planning & Development

Chris Mills, Chief Administrative Officer