



## REPORT

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**TO:** Mayor Lawlor and Members of Council

**FROM:** Laura Loney, Manager of Heritage Planning

**DATE:** May 24, 2024

**REPORT NO.:** PD-2024-044

**SUBJECT:** Intention to Designate under Part IV, Section 29 of the Ontario Heritage Act – 50 Queen Street

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### RECOMMENDATION:

THAT Report No. PD-2024-044 dated May 24, 2024 and titled “Intention to Designate under Part IV, Section 29 of the Ontario Heritage Act – 50 Queen Street” be received;

AND FURTHER THAT Council state its intention to designate the property at 50 Queen Street, Georgetown, known as the Bailey-Thompson House, legally described as “LT 18, PL 37; PT LT 17, PL 37, SE OF QUEEN ST, AS IN 594253, S/T 594253 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 50 Queen Street, Georgetown 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 50 Queen Street 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 50 Queen Street, Georgetown, contains a single detached dwelling set back from the right of way on a slope along Queen Street. 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 an excellent example of a Gothic Revival residence with an L-shaped floor plan and decorative bargeboard and that the building is part of the historical residential streetscape of Queen Street.

The property at 50 Queen Street, Georgetown 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*<sup>1</sup>.

On April 10, 2024, the current property owners were mailed a designation information package with covering letter from staff, identifying that this work was being undertaken and encouraging them to contact staff to discuss further. An additional notice was delivered via courier on May 1, 2024, advising the owners that the Research and Evaluation Report for the subject property would be reviewed at the May 15, 2024, meeting of Heritage Halton Hills. The property owners have not contacted staff as of the finalization of this report.

Heritage Halton Hills reviewed the final Research & Evaluation Report for the property at its meeting of May 15, 2024.

Following discussion, the following motion was carried:

### Recommendation No. HHH-2024-0025

THAT Heritage Halton Hills Committee recommend Council issue a Notice of Intention to Designate for the property at 50 Queen Street for designation under the *Ontario Heritage Act*.

The property has been identified as a representative example of a late-nineteenth-century Gothic Revival residential building within the community of Georgetown in the Town of Halton Hills, associated with builder Thomas Bailey and long-time owners the Thompson family. The property is contextually significant along Queen Street and has maintained its historical, physical, functional, and visual links within the neighbourhood.

As described in the Research & Evaluation Report, the identified heritage attributes of the subject property include:

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<sup>1</sup> 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 Gothic Revival residential building along Queen Street in the community of Georgetown, Town of Halton Hills;
- The scale, form, and massing of the late-nineteenth century, L-shaped, one-and-a-half storey structure with cross-gable roof on a stone foundation;
- The materials, including wooden architectural detailing, wooden window and door surrounds, wooden bargeboard;
- On the front (northwest) elevation:
  - o The wooden verandah at the first storey;
  - o The one-storey bay with bracketed roof and three symmetrically placed, segmentally arched window openings with segmentally arched window centered beneath the gable above;
  - o The front entrance, including wooden sidelights and transoms located beneath the one-storey wooden porch, with adjacent segmentally arched window opening at the first storey;
  - o At the second storey above the porch, the segmentally arched window opening beneath the gable peak;
  - o Wooden bargeboard along the gable peaks;
- On the side (northeast) elevation:
  - o At the first storey, the projecting bay with bracketed roof and segmentally arched window openings;
  - o The brick chimney extending along the elevation and terminating just above the roofline; and,
- On the side (southwest) elevation, the segmentally arched window openings.

The rear elevation of the existing building and interiors were not identified as heritage attributes as part of the 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 at 50 Queen Street 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