



## REPORT

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

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

**DATE:** October 16, 2024

**REPORT NO.:** PD-2024-086

**SUBJECT:** Intention to Designate under Part IV, Section 29 of the Ontario Heritage Act – 7 Prince St (Glen Williams)

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### RECOMMENDATION:

THAT Report No. PD-2024-086 dated October 16, 2024 and titled “Intention to Designate under Part IV, Section 29 of the Ontario Heritage Act – 7 Prince Street (Glen Williams)” be received;

AND FURTHER THAT Council state its intention to designate the property at 7 Prince Street, Glen Williams, known as Hawkins House, legally described as “PT LT 51, PL 56, AS IN EW17606 EXCEPT 244833 S/T 64751; 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 7 Prince Street, Glen Williams 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 in accordance with the Town’s Council-approved Heritage Register Prioritization Strategy to respond to changes to the *Ontario Heritage Act* through *Bill 23, More Homes, Built Faster Act, 2022*, with further amendments made through Bill 200, the *Homeowner Protection Act*;

- 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 subject property is a rectangular village lot, situated along the south side of Prince Street in the community of Glen Williams. The property contains a one-and-a-half-storey Georgian plan brick residential building. The property was listed on the Town's Heritage Register during Phase 1 of the Town's Heritage Register process (2010) and was identified as one of the original store buildings from the village core.

The property at 7 Prince Street, Glen Williams 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>, and at the request of the property owner.

In June 2024, the Owner contacted staff requesting that their property be designated, and Mark Rowe of Heritage Halton Hills and staff undertook the Research and Evaluation Report for the subject property. A notice was sent on September 25, 2024, advising the owners that the Research and Evaluation Report for the subject property would be reviewed at the October 16, 2024, meeting of Heritage Halton Hills.

Heritage Halton Hills reviewed the final Research & Evaluation Report for the property at its meeting of October 16, 2024.

Following discussion, the following motion was carried:

### Recommendation No. HHH-2024-0055

THAT Heritage Halton Hills Committee recommend Council issue a Notice of Intention to Designate for the property at 7 Prince Street for designation under the *Ontario Heritage Act*.

The property has been identified as the first brick Georgian home built in the village of Glen Williams and is one of few surviving early homes in the community. The property is associated with James Hawkins, village blacksmith William Tost, and WWII veteran Roy Puckering. The property is also identified as contextually significant.

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

- The placement and orientation of the c.1851 Hawkins House on the south side of Prince Street, Glen Williams;

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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. On June 6, 2024, Bill 200 (the Homeowner Protection Act) received Royal Assent, extending the 2-year timeline prescribed by Bill 23, giving municipalities, including the Town of Halton Hills, until January 1, 2027, to either issue a NOID for a listed property or to remove it from the Heritage Register.

- The scale, form and massing of the building as a two storey, simple brick vernacular Georgian building designed for commercial and residential use with an attached frame single-storey summer kitchen;
- The medium-pitched cedar shake roof with gable returns at both ends and enhanced fascia and soffit;
- On the front (west) elevation;
  - o The original panelled timber front door, original two-pane sash windows clad with original framing and interior casings;
- Interior features including;
  - o The wide pine floorboards and stair treads; and,
  - o The original simple fireplace with stepped brick mantle.

The second house on the property known as 5 Prince Street has not been identified as a heritage attribute.

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,

John Linhardt, Commissioner of Planning & Development

Chris Mills, Chief Administrative Officer