



BY-LAW NO. 2025-0010

A By-law to designate Stewart’s Castle, located at 10295 10 Side Road, 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 10295 10 Side Road, Town of Halton Hills, Regional Municipality of Halton, and known as Stewart’s Castle, 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 Stewart’s Castle, located at 10295 10 Side Road, Town of Halton Hills, and upon the Ontario Heritage Trust, Notice of Intention to Designate the property and has caused Notice of Intention to be published on the Town’s website per the Town’s “Ontario Heritage Act – Alternate Notice Policy”;

AND WHEREAS the Reasons for Designation are set out in Schedule “B” of this by-law;

AND WHEREAS on December 9, 2024, Council for the Town of Halton Hills approved Report No. PD-2024-072, dated November 21, 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 Stewart’s Castle, located at 10295 10 Side Road, 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 10th day of February, 2025.

MAYOR – ANN LAWLOR

TOWN CLERK – VALERIE PETRYNIAK

SCHEDULE "A" TO BY-LAW NO. 2025-0010

LEGAL DESCRIPTION

PT LT 11, CON 5 ESQ, AS IN 248579; HALTON HILLS/ESQUESING

PIN: 250310295

SCHEDULE “B” TO BY-LAW NO. 2025-0010

REASONS FOR DESIGNATION

Description of Property

The subject property is located at 10295 10 Sideroad in the Town of Halton Hills. It is situated on a rectangular 24-acre lot that extends northwest from 10 Sideroad, running parallel to Fourth Line. The property is legally known as PT LT 11, CON 5 ESQ, AS IN 248579; HALTON HILLS/ESQUESING; HALTON HILLS. The property features a two-storey Georgian farmhouse and a barn, both set within an agricultural landscape. Access to the dwelling is provided by an unpaved driveway extending from 10 Sideroad.

Statement of Cultural Heritage Value or Interest

Stewart’s Castle at 10295 10 Side Road is a representative example of Georgian residential architecture, characterized by its symmetry, classical proportions, graduated fenestration, and classical detailing. The two-storey Georgian farmhouse, constructed with locally-sourced and fired red brick, features a symmetrical front facade, a hallmark of the Georgian style. The graduated fenestration, limestone lintels and sills, and white wooden modillions under the eaves emphasize the classical detailing typical of Georgian architecture. The central entrance, flanked by sidelights and capped with a limestone lintel, serves as the focal point of the front elevation, aligning with the second-floor window openings, reinforcing the symmetry and balance inherent to Georgian design. The residence on the subject property is an excellent and rare surviving example of a rural Georgian home in Halton Hills.

The property at 10295 10 Side Road holds historical and associative value due to its multi-generational connections with the Stewart family, prominent figures in the early settlement of the Scotch Block in Esquesing Township. James Stewart, a Scottish immigrant who contributed to the establishment of Scotch Block as a community for Scottish settlers, acquired the property in 1844. The Stewart family was responsible for contributing to the areas social, agricultural, and economic development, using the property to establish a sawmill and several farmsteads. The property was later owned by several of Stewart’s descendants, who became prominent figures in the Scotch Block. The property’s associations with subsequent owners, including the Huffman, Seynuck, and Howitt families, further contribute to the property’s historical significance. While living in Scotch Block, Gideon Huffman was an active member of the Boston Presbyterian Church, and an outspoken Liberal. Tony Seynuck successfully established Anthony Gas and Oil Exportations Limited, extracting and selling gas throughout Southern Ontario through the 1950s and 1960s, contributing to the Region’s industrial growth in the mid-twentieth century. Richard Howitt was involved in local politics serving as a Halton Regional Councillor, while also acting as a member of the Halton Conservation Authority, and a trustee of the Halton Regional Board of Education.

The property’s association with the Stewart family and its role in the broader narrative of the Scotch Block’s development solidify its historical and associative value. Stewart’s Castle is one of the oldest extant residential buildings in the Town of Halton Hills. The property at 10295 10 Side Road holds significant contextual value as it serves to define and maintain the early-nineteenth-century agricultural character of Scotch Block. The Georgian farmhouse, set within a pastoral landscape, visually anchors the historical rural identity of Scotch Block and the surrounding community, reflecting the agricultural roots that have shaped the local community for generations. The farmhouse’s traditional design and construction methods reflect the area’s historical development, serving as a

tangible link to early settlers who established the Scotch Block. Having remained in its original location for over 170 years, the property remains physically and visually connected to its surroundings. The property has not been identified as a landmark as it is set back from 10 Side Road.

Heritage Attributes

The identified heritage attributes of the property at 10295 10 Side Road that contribute to its physical and design value include:

- The setback, location, orientation, and rural context of the property at 10295 10 Side Road in the Town of Halton Hills;
- The scale, form, and massing of the two-storey Georgian farmhouse, including its symmetrical front elevation;
- The materials used in the building's construction, including locally-sourced and fired red brick, and limestone;
- The front (southeast) elevation, including:
 - The symmetrical design divided into five bays with graduated fenestration, including two rectangular window openings on either side of the central entrance and five vertically aligned rectangular window openings on the second storey;
 - Limestone windowsills and lintels;
 - Central entrance set within a flatheaded opening, flanked by sidelights and capped with a limestone lintel;
 - Hipped roof with wooden modillions along the cornice;
 - Symmetrically placed chimneys flanking the front elevation;
- The side (southwest) elevation, including:
 - Rectangular double-hung sash windows with limestone sills and lintels, symmetrically placed on either side of the centrally located chimney on the right wing; and,
 - Wooden modillions along the cornice.

The identified heritage attributes of the property at 10295 10 Side Road that contribute to its historical and associative value includes:

- The legibility of the existing property as a two-storey Georgian farmhouse within the Town of Halton Hills.

The identified heritage attributes of the property at 10295 10 Side Road that contribute to its contextual value include:

- The legibility of the existing property as a two-storey Georgian farmhouse within the Town of Halton Hills;
- The setback, location, orientation, and rural context of the property at 10295 10 Side Road in the Town of Halton Hills; and,
- The scale, form, and massing of the two-storey Georgian farmhouse, including its symmetrical front elevation.

The rear elevation, and side (northeast) elevation, and interiors have not been identified as heritage attributes of the property. The northeast side elevation and rear elevation are currently unobservable and inaccessible from the public right of way. However, further investigation may provide an opportunity to identify additional heritage attributes.