



BY-LAW NO. 2025-0012

A By-law to designate the Frances Williams House, located at 15 Mountain Street, Glen Williams, 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 15 Mountain Street, Glen Williams, Town of Halton Hills, Regional Municipality of Halton, and known as the Frances Williams House, 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 Frances Williams House, located at 15 Mountain Street, Glen Williams, 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 on December 9, 2024, Council for the Town of Halton Hills approved Report No. PD-2024-084, dated November 22, 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 Frances Williams House, located at 15 Mountain Street, Glen Williams, 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. 2025-0012

LEGAL DESCRIPTION

LT 39, RCP 1556; HALTON HILLS

PIN: 250580200

SCHEDULE “B” TO BY-LAW NO. 2025-0012

REASONS FOR DESIGNATION

Description of Property

The subject property is located at 15 Mountain Street along the northwest side of Mountain Street in Glen Williams, Halton Hills and contains a two-storey brick residential building and a one-storey detached garage. The property is an irregularly-shaped parcel that fronts Mountain Street and overlooks the Credit River in the rear. The dwelling is accessed via a driveway off Mountain Street. The property is legally known as LT 39, RCP 1556; HALTON HILLS.

Statement of Cultural Heritage Value or Interest

The Frances Williams House within the property at 15 Mountain Street in Glen Williams is a representative example of mid-19th century Georgian residential architecture. Key features characteristic of this style that are extant include the symmetrical front elevation, gable roof, graduated fenestration, Classical detailing, and dual chimneys at either end of the roof. The structure’s brick construction is laid in a common bond pattern, and it features a raised stone foundation typical of residences in this style. Despite modifications over time, the building retains the defining elements of the Georgian style, illustrating the architectural preferences of the pre-Confederation era in Ontario.

The late-19th century addition to the rear is legible from the original Georgian building yet is compatible in terms of materials, detailing, and form. The addition, with its board and batten upper floor and stucco-covered ground-floor porch, reflects the architectural evolution of the property while maintaining visual continuity with the original structure.

The property at 15 Mountain Street in Glen Williams is directly associated with the early European settlement of the area, and is associated in particular with the Williams family, a prominent pioneering family in the development of Glen Williams. Acquired by Benajah Williams in 1825, the property was part of the land where he established the village of Williamsburg (later Glen Williams) and developed vital milling industries that contributed to the community's growth. The existing Georgian home was constructed in 1854 by Benajah’s son, Charles Williams, as a residence for Frances Huestis Williams, the widow of Jacob Williams.

The property has also been associated with the Reid family, including Dugald Reid, a prominent Georgetown merchant, and his distant cousin William Henry Reid, a local stone mason. The Thompson family, who operated the Thompson & Wilson Beverage Company from the property, further contributed to the property’s significance with its commercial use. These associations with key figures and families in the development of Glen Williams emphasize the property's significance to the community.

The Frances Williams House at 15 Mountain Street is physically, functionally, visually and historically linked to its surroundings in its original location on Mountain Street in the community of Glen Williams. The existing building is important in defining and maintaining the character of the area through its connection to other early Georgian residential dwellings in Glen Williams and to the Williams family, including the Williams-Holt House, Alexander House, original Glen Williams Schoolhouse, and the Williams House. The existing home is relative to the scale and setback of surrounding homes and has not been identified as a landmark.

Heritage Attributes

The identified heritage attributes of the property at 15 Mountain Street that contribute to its physical and design value include:

- The setback, location, and orientation of the residential building along Mountain Street in Glen Williams;
- The scale, form, and massing of the c.1854, two-storey Georgian-style residential building, including its shallow-pitched gable roof and twin chimneys;
- The materials, including brick laid in a common bond pattern, with a raised stone foundation;
- The front (northwest) elevation, including:
 - The original entrance location centred within the symmetrical façade at the first storey;
 - Extant rectangular window openings, including graduated fenestration;
 - Limestone sills and lintels on all window openings;
- The side (northeast) elevation, including:
 - Simple gable end featuring symmetrically placed, evenly spaced rectangular window openings;
 - Limestone sills and lintels on all extant window openings;
 - Brick chimney rising above the roofline of the gable end;
- The side (southwest) elevation, including:
 - Simple gable end featuring symmetrically placed, evenly spaced rectangular window openings;
 - Limestone sills and lintels on all extant window openings; and,
 - Brick chimney rising above the roofline of the gable end.

The identified heritage attributes of the property at 15 Mountain Street that contribute to its historical and associative value includes:

- The legibility of the existing property as a mid-19th-century Georgian residential building within the community of Glen Williams in the Town of Halton Hills.

The identified heritage attributes of the property at 15 Mountain Street that contribute to its contextual value include:

- The legibility of the existing property as a mid-19th-century Georgian residential building within the community of Glen Williams in the Town of Halton Hills;
- The setback, location, and orientation of the residential building along Mountain Street in Glen Williams; and,
- The scale, form, and massing of the c.1854, two-storey Georgian-style residential building, including its shallow-pitched gable roof and twin chimneys.