



## REPORT

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

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

**DATE:** February 7, 2025

**REPORT NO.:** PD-2025-005

**SUBJECT:** Intention to Designate under Part IV, Section 29 of the Ontario Heritage Act – 9296 Dublin Line

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### RECOMMENDATION:

THAT Report No. PD-2025-005 dated February 7, 2025 and titled “Intention to Designate under Part IV, Section 29 of the Ontario Heritage Act – 9296 Dublin Line” be received;

AND FURTHER THAT Council state its intention to designate the property at 9296 Dublin Line, Town of Halton Hills, known as the McCallum House, legally described as “PT LT 7, CON 1 ESQ, AS IN 290299, EXCEPT PART 1, 20R9517; T/W 255316; S/T DEBTS, IF ANY, IN 247076; HALTON HILLS/ESQUESING”, 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 9296 Dublin Line, Town of Halton Hills 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 subject 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 property at 9296 Dublin Line is located along the southwest side of Dublin Line, just north of Steeles Avenue in the Scotch Block community in the Town of Halton Hills. The property is primarily composed of agricultural fields, with a residence and associated buildings located in the centre of the parcel, accessed via a long driveway from Dublin Line. 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 an early pioneer family home constructed by the McCallum family and an excellent example of a farmhouse made of stone arranged in an ashlar pattern.

The property at 9296 Dublin Line 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>.

The previous owner of the property was first contacted via email on January 3, 2024, with a follow-up contact on March 6, 2024. In late March 2024, staff were notified that the property had recently been sold. Staff contacted the new owners in September 2024 and again in January 2025, advising them that the Research and Evaluation Report for the subject property would be reviewed at the January 15, 2025, meeting of Heritage Halton Hills. Staff spoke with the new owner on January 14, 2025, ahead of the meeting, and they indicated no concerns with the proposed designation.

### Recommendation No. HHH-2024-0006

THAT Heritage Halton Hills Committee recommend Council issue a Notice of Intention to Designate for the property at 9296 Dublin Line for designation under the *Ontario Heritage Act*.

The property has been identified as containing an early example of a stone Georgian farmhouse in the historic Scotch Block community in the Town of Halton Hills, with a 185-year association with the McCallum family. The property is also identified as being contextually significant.

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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.

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

- The setback, location, and orientation of the existing c.1860s farmhouse along Dublin Line in the Town of Halton Hills;
- The scale, form, and massing of the one-and-a-half storey Georgian farmhouse with gable roof with wooden soffits and dentils, stone chimneys, and stone foundation;
- The materials, including cut ashlar stone construction, stone lintels and sills, wooden door surround with transom and sidelights, and wooden dentils and soffits along the roofline;
- On the front (southeast) elevation:
  - The central entrance with wooden transom window and sidelights, and stone lintel and sill;
  - The flat-headed window openings with stone sills and lintels;
- On the side (southwest) elevation:
  - The flat-headed window openings with stone sills and lintels; and,
- On the side (northeast) elevation:
  - The flat-headed window openings with stone sills and lintels.

The one-storey addition, rear elevation of the one-and-a-half storey farmhouse, and interiors were not identified as heritage attributes of the subject property.

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