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Dear Ms. Loney:

**Re: Objection to the Notice of Intention to Designate a Property under
Part IV of the *Ontario Heritage Act*, 2 Guelph Street, Georgetown**

I am writing today as the owner of the commercial property located at 2 Guelph Street, Georgetown.

At its meeting on October 28, 2024, the Council of the Town of Halton Hills (“**Council**”) stated its intention to designate the subject property under Part IV, Section 29 of the *Ontario Heritage Act*, in accordance with Report PD-2024-082, dated October 11, 2024.

I am filing this objection in response to the Notice of Intention to Designate (the “**NOID**”) which was subsequently published on the City’s website on November 7, 2024. I object to the proposed designation of my property for the following 3 reasons:

1. The NOID contains technical errors.

Upon receiving the NOID, I hired a heritage planning expert to review the Statement of Significance and Reasons for Designation contained in the Notice issued by the Town and to begin to assess the merits of the proposed designation. The initial conclusions of the heritage consultant have identified errors in the Statement of Significance and Reasons for Designation which are as follows:

- I. The Statement of Significance notes that the property has direct associations with R.D. Warren, a prominent local community member of the Town of Halton Hills during the late 19th and early 20th century. However, Warren only owned the property from the time of construction in 1912 until 1913. Additionally, his ownership of the property did not coincide with his tenure as Reeve of Georgetown, as editor of the Georgetown Herald, nor as owner of the Halton Conservator. This historic association should be considered *indirect* rather than direct due to Warren’s short tenure as owner of the property as well as the fact that his most significant positions were held before its purchase.

II. The Statement of Significance identifies a direct historic association with the Gollop family, who resided in the house from 1919-1945. Residents included Benjamin Gollop, a local dentist, and his wife Victoria Gallop, who was a member of the Georgetown Women's Institute (though there is no evidence she ever held a leadership role with the Institute) and sang in the Norval Methodist Church choir as a child (before residing at the subject property). While the Gallop family did reside at the subject property for 26 years, there is no evidence that either Benjamin or Victoria were of particular significance to the local community such that their tenure at the subject property would impart historical or associative value.

2. My property has been significantly altered.

In addition to the inaccuracies identified above, my property has undergone significant alterations. It has a new roof, windows, front porch and new addition to the southwest side of the building. The only original part of the building that remains is the brick exterior.

The landscaping and context of the building also no longer reflect the original character of the property. The setback of the building is included as an "identified heritage attribute" in the proposed By-law, but the building's front and side yard now serve as a paved parking lot. The current character of the property can best be described as commercial, rather than representing an original 1910s streetscape. As such, the property is not a good candidate for conservation.

3. I object to the additional financial and bureaucratic burden designation represents.

I also have a number of concerns with the implications of the proposed designation on my interests both as a property owner and proprietor of a local business. I have maintained the building in good condition and it currently contributes to the area both visually and economically under my care. Designation of the property represents an undue burden and added level of expense and restriction to any ongoing maintenance and upkeep I will need to conduct in order to maintain the building and premises.

Request

I request that Council not proceed with the designation of my property. Or at a minimum, I request that Council delay the designation to give myself and my consultant time to conduct additional research and potentially discuss the issue with Town staff. I understand that Council has until January of 2027 to make a decision on the designation of listed properties. I currently have no plans to alter or demolish the exterior of the building, so the property is not at risk during that time.

For the reasons stated above, I object to the Notice of Intent to Designate.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Rob Jickling', written in a cursive style.

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