



BY-LAW NO. 2025-0022

A By-law to designate the R.D. Warren House, located at 2 Guelph Street, Georgetown, 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 2 Guelph Street, Georgetown, Town of Halton Hills, Regional Municipality of Halton, and known as the R.D. Warren 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 R.D. Warren House, at 2 Guelph Street, Georgetown, 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 March 3, 2025, Council for the Town of Halton Hills approved Report No. 2025-002 dated February 11, 2025, 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 R.D. Warren House located at 2 Guelph Street, Georgetown, 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 6th day of March, 2025.

MAYOR – ANN LAWLOR

TOWN CLERK – VALERIE PETRYNIAK

SCHEDULE “A” TO BY-LAW NO. 2025-0022

LEGAL DESCRIPTION

PT LTS 41 & 42, PL 32, S OF TORONTO & GUELPH PLANK RD, AS IN 634149;
HALTON HILLS

PIN: 250420001

SCHEDULE “B” TO BY-LAW NO. 2025-0022

REASONS FOR DESIGNATION

Description of Property

The subject property is an irregular-shaped lot located at the southeast corner of the Guelph Street and Main Street South. The property contains a two-storey commercial building in the Edwardian architectural style, and is legally described as “PT LTS 41 & 42, PL 32, S OF TORONTO & GUELPH PLANK RD, AS IN 634149; HALTON HILLS”

Statement of Cultural Heritage Value or Interest

The R.D. Warren House at 2 Guelph Street has physical and design value as a representative example of an early-twentieth-century former residential building in the Edwardian architecture style, designed by local contractor J.B. Mackenzie. The two-storey red brick building exhibits features typical of this style including the smooth brick façade, hipped roof, two tall brick chimneys, multiple flatheaded window openings, portico encasing the front entryway, and dormer along the side (northeast) elevation.

The R.D. Warren House at 2 Guelph Street has historical and associative value due to its associations with prominent contractor and resident J.B. Mackenzie. While operating two mills in Acton and Georgetown, Mackenzie was also the owner of his contracting business “J.B. Mackenzie & Son”. J.B. Mackenzie was contracted to design many other buildings in Town, such as the Gregory Theatre, Coated Paper Mill, and Post Office. The property also has associations with R.D. Warren, who was the editor of the *Georgetown Herald* from 1886-1909, and owner of the *Halton Conservator*, which was published between 1901 and 1906. Between 1903-1904, Warren served as the Reeve for Georgetown and was the superintendent of the Baptist School for 30 years. R.D. Warren also served as the editor of the *Canadian Baptist*, was a member of the Senate of McMaster University, and was the Liberal Party representative for Halton County in the 1911 Provincial Election. The property also has associations with the Gollop family, who lived in the house from 1919-1945. Dr. Benjamin Gollop was a dentist and local business owner who owned a practice along Main Street in Georgetown. Dr. Gollop was also elected as a Scribe and a member of the Examining Board for the Halton Chapter No. 234 of the Royal Arch Masons (R.A.M) of Georgetown in 1934, later serving as Treasurer in 1935. Additionally, the property has associations with June and James Evans. June worked as a teacher at the former SS#7 Nassagaweya School along Fifth Line and at Chapel Street School in Georgetown. James was involved with the local board of education as a secretary-treasurer for 15 years, before being appointed to the position of Supervisor of Plant Maintenance and Operation for the Georgetown Public School Board. James also operated an insurance agency with his father in the former Gregory Theatre along Mill Street in Georgetown. Additionally, James was also a member, Elder, Member of the Board, and Trustee of St. John’s United Church.

The R.D. Warren House at 2 Guelph Street is important in defining, maintaining, and supporting the early twentieth century character and development of Downtown Georgetown. The property is located in a high concentration of cultural heritage resources and is visually and historically linked to its surroundings in the residential neighbourhood, as a former residential building.

The identified heritage attributes of the property at 2 Guelph Street, Georgetown, that contribute to its physical and design value include:

- The setback, location, and orientation of the existing building along Guelph Street in Georgetown;
- The scale, form, and massing of the existing c.1912, two-storey Edwardian residential building with hipped roof, brick chimneys, and projecting brick and stone plinth foundation;

- The materials, including red brick and stone detailing throughout;
- Front (northwest) elevation:
 - The two-storey bay with two flatheaded window openings with stone sills and lintels;
 - Flatheaded window openings at the first and second storey with stone sills and lintels;
 - Flatheaded entryway with stone lintel;
 - Historic existence of the one-storey wooden portico located directly above the entryway;
- Side (northeast) elevation:
 - Flatheaded window openings at the first and second storey with stone sills and lintels;
 - Shed dormer with flatheaded window opening;
- Side (southwest) elevation:
 - Two flatheaded window openings at the second storey with stone sills and lintels; and,
 - Brick chimney extending from the first storey above the roofline.

The identified heritage attribute of the property at 2 Guelph Street, Georgetown, that contributes to its historical and associative value includes:

- The legibility of the existing property as an early-twentieth century Edwardian former residential building along Guelph Street within the community of Georgetown in the Town of Halton Hills.

The identified heritage attributes of the property at 2 Guelph Street, Georgetown, that contribute to its contextual value include:

- The legibility of the existing property as an early-twentieth century Edwardian former residential building along Guelph Street within the community of Georgetown in the Town of Halton Hills;
- The setback, location, and orientation of the c.1909-1912 R.D. Warren House on the southeast corner of the Guelph Street and Main Street South, Georgetown; and,
- The scale, form, and massing of the two-storey Edwardian commercial building.