TOWN OF HALTON HILLS

BY-LAW NO. 2025-0044

A By-law to designate the Moffit Forster House, located at 510 Main 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 located at 510 Main Street, Glen Williams, Regional Municipality of Halton, and known as the Moffit Forster 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 Moffit Forster House, located at 510 Main 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 the Reasons for Designation are set out in Schedule "B" of this by-law;

AND WHEREAS on March 24, 2025, Council for the Town of Halton Hills approved Report No. PD-2025-014, dated March 7, 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 Moffit Forster House, located at 510 Main 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 26th day of May, 2025.

MAYOR – ANN LAWLOR

SCHEDULE "A" TO BY-LAW NO. 2025-0044

LEGAL DESCRIPTION

PT LT 51, RCP 1556, AS IN 562442; HALTON HILLS, DESC AMENDED 22 09 99 BY J MENARD

PIN: 250580212

SCHEDULE "B" TO BY-LAW NO. 2025-0044

REASONS FOR DESIGNATION

Description of Property

The property at 510 Main Street is located along the northwest side of Main Street in Glen Williams. The property is an irregularly shaped parcel extending from Main Street to the Credit River at the rear. The property contains a two-storey brick residential building with rear addition and a one-storey accessory building in the rear.

Statement of Cultural Heritage Value or Interest

The Moffit Forster House at 510 Main Street has physical and design value as an excellent example of residential Georgian Revival architecture within the community of Glen Williams in the Town of Halton Hills. Notwithstanding minor alterations to the exterior of the building, the defining characteristics of the Moffit Forster House have been conserved since its construction in 1884. Elements contributing to the Georgian Revival style of the residential building include the scale, form and massing of the building, the three bay symmetrical design of the front elevation, graduated fenestration, use of both stretcher and common bond brick work, stone sills, dichromatic brick lintels, the transom window, and brick quoining.

The property at 510 Main Street holds significant historical and associative value within the community of Glen Williams. The subject property is primarily associated with Charles Williams' son-in-law, Moffit Forster, a former miller who was being groomed to manage the Williams family mills. However, Moffit chose to pursue a career in medicine, serving as a physician in Erin, Thorndale, Acton, Palmerston, London, and Kitchener. In 1884, the Forster's returned to Glen Williams and built the Moffit Forster House at 510 Main Street as their summer residence. This period coincided with a surge in nineteenth-century residential development in Glen Williams associated with the Williams family and their expanding industries.

The property is also associated with the Korzack family, who acquired 510 Main Street in 1941. William Korzack, a Second World War veteran, and his wife Edna were actively involved in local civic and church life. William served as a trustee for the Esquesing School Board and led numerous initiatives at St. Albans Church, while Edna contributed as the church's Envelope Secretary. The Korzack family was responsible for restoring the residence on the subject property following a devastating fire in 1958.

The Moffit Forster House at 510 Main Street holds contextual value as a significant landmark along Main Street to the east of the Credit River in the community of Glen Williams. Constructed in the late-nineteenth century, the building has maintained many of its original features and architectural details. The prominent Georgian Revival style, along with its materials, contributes to the property's historical, physical, functional, and visual ties to the community of Glen Williams. The community is characterized by its mid- to late-nineteenth-century architectural heritage, with the Georgian Revival style being prevalent. The Moffit Forster House plays a crucial role in defining and preserving the historic and architectural character of the area, contributing to the historic streetscape of Main Street within Glen Williams.

Heritage Attributes

The identified heritage attributes of the property at 510 Main Street that contribute to its physical and design value include:

- The location, setback, and orientation of the existing two-storey building along Main Street in Glen Williams;
- The scale, form, and massing of the two-storey brick residential building, including the moderately-pitched gable roof with returned eaves;
- The materials, including dichromatic brick work, and stone sills;
- On the front (southeast) elevation:
 - The central bay with dichromatic brick lintel and flat-headed entrance with a transom window;
 - Graduated fenestration with two rectangular window openings with stone sills and dichromatic tan brick soldier course lintels on the first storey and three smaller rectangular window openings with stone sills and dichromatic tan brick soldier course lintels on the second storey;
 - The tan brick quoining at the corners;
- On the side (northeast) elevation:
 - Two rectangular window openings at the first and second storeys on either side of the central chimney, with stone sills, and dichromatic tan brick soldier course lintels;
 - The buff brick quoining at the corners;
- On the side (southwest) elevation:
 - Two rectangular window openings at the second storey with stone sills, and dichromatic tan brick soldier course lintels;
 - Two rectangular window openings at the first storey of the one-and-a-half storey nineteenth century rear addition with stone sills, and dichromatic tan brick soldier course lintels;
 - The flatheaded entrance with brick lintel at the first storey;
 - Quoining at the south corner
- The scale, form, and massing of the one-and-a-half storey rear addition with brick exterior.

The identified heritage attributes of the property at 510 Main Street that contribute to its historical and associative value includes:

- The legibility of the existing property as a late-nineteenth-century Georgian Revival residential building within the community of Glen Williams in the Town of Halton Hills.

The identified heritage attributes of the property at 510 Main Street that contribute to its contextual value include:

- The legibility of the existing property as a late-nineteenth-century Georgian Revival residential building within the community of Glen Williams in the Town of Halton Hills;
- The location, setback, and orientation of the existing two-storey building along Main Street in Glen Williams; and,
- The scale, form, and massing of the two-storey brick residential building, including the moderately-pitched gable roof with returned eaves.