



BY-LAW NO. 2025-0046

A By-law to designate the Dufferin School, located at 10454 Regional Road 25, Speyside, 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 10454 Regional Road 25, Speyside, Town of Halton Hills, Regional Municipality of Halton, and known as the Dufferin School, 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 Dufferin School, at 10454 Regional Road 25, 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-2025-013 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 Dufferin School located at 10454 Regional Road 25, Speyside, 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

TOWN CLERK – VALERIE PETRYNIAK

SCHEDULE “A” TO BY-LAW NO. 2025-0046

LEGAL DESCRIPTION

PT LT 13, CON 2 ESQ, AS IN 488762; HALTON HILLS/ESQUESING

PIN: 249780057

SCHEDULE “B” TO BY-LAW NO. 2025-0046

LEGAL DESCRIPTION

Description of Property

The subject property is an irregular-shaped lot located on the southwest side of Regional Road 25. The property contains a one-and-a-half storey Ontario rural one-room schoolhouse, and is legally described as “PT LT 13, CON 2 ESQ, AS IN 488762; HALTON HILLS/ESQUESING”.

Statement of Cultural Heritage Value or Interest

The Dufferin School at 10454 Regional Road 25 has physical and design value as a representative and rare example of a late-nineteenth-century Ontario rural one-room schoolhouse in the community of Speyside within the Town of Halton Hills. The one-and-a-half storey schoolhouse is one of the oldest frame schoolhouses in Halton Hills and features a gable roof with brick veneer cladding, multiple windows along the side elevations, and a datestone indicating the year brick veneer was introduced (c.1903). The design features influence from *The School House; Its Architecture, External and Internal Arrangements* and the *Canadian Farmer*, which published architectural plans and construction methods for grammar, intermediate, and primary schools in Canada.

The Dufferin School at 10454 Regional Road 25 has historical and associative value due to its associations with the early educational system in the community of Speyside. The student population began to grow with the establishment of the *Common School Act* and the *Ontario School Act*, which introduced rates levied to support and construct new schools and later abolished the former fees for public schools and made attendance compulsory for children ages 7 to 12. In response, many communities took advantage of these government grants to build and operate new schools.

The property also has associations with John Yaremko, who attended the University of Toronto and Osgoode Hall Law School. In 1946, he was called to the bar and was named a member of the Queen’s Counsel in 1953. In 1951, John Yaremko started his political career, being elected to Ontario’s Provincial Parliament as the first Canadian of Ukrainian descent to be elected in Eastern Canada. In 1958, Yaremko was appointed as the youngest Cabinet Minister and served in seven Ministries in the administrations of Premiers Leslie Frost, John Robarts, and Bill Davis. In total, he served in Parliament for 25 years. In addition to his political career, Yaremko was also involved in supporting fellow Ukrainians through internships and scholarships.

The Dufferin School at 10454 Regional Road 25 is important in defining, maintaining, and supporting the rural character of the area along Regional Road 25. The former Dufferin Schoolhouse is physically, visually, and historically linked to its surroundings as an early schoolhouse that serviced the local school section in Speyside for more than 80 years.

The identified heritage attributes of the property at 10454 Regional Road 25, Speyside, that contribute to its physical and design value include:

- The setback, location, and orientation of the schoolhouse along Regional Road 25 in the community of Speyside within the Town of Halton Hills;
- The scale, form, and massing of the one-and-a-half storey, c.1870s frame schoolhouse with brick veneer cladding, brick plinth, stone foundation, and gable roof;
- The materials, including brick, wood, and stone;

- On the front (northeast) elevation:
 - The datestone beneath the gable peak, inscribed “D, S.S. No. 10, 1903”;
- On the side (northwest) elevation:
 - Flatheaded window openings with brick soldier course lintels and stone sills;
 - Bell and cupola located on the roof;
- On the side (southeast) elevation:
 - Flatheaded window openings with brick soldier course lintels and stone sills;
 - Datestone along the stone foundation inscribed “1892”; and,
- On the interior:
 - Former original rear (southwest) brick veneer façade featuring a flatheaded entryway with brick soldier course lintels.

The identified heritage attribute of the property at 10454 Regional Road 25, Speyside, that contributes to its historical and associative value includes:

- The legibility of the existing property as a late-nineteenth-century Ontario rural one-room schoolhouse along Regional Road 25 within the community of Speyside in the Town of Halton Hills.

The identified heritage attributes of the property at 10454 Regional Road 25, Speyside, that contribute to its contextual value include:

- The legibility of the existing property as a late-nineteenth-century Ontario rural one-room schoolhouse along Regional Road 25 within the community of Speyside in the Town of Halton Hills;
- The setback, location, and orientation of the c.1870s Dufferin School on the southwest side of Regional Road 25 in the community of Speyside; and,
- The scale, form, and massing of the one-and-a-half-storey Ontario rural one-room schoolhouse.