



BY-LAW NO. 2025- 0047

A By-law to designate the Gibraltar School, located at 11999 Fifth Line, Limehouse, 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 11999 Fifth Line, Town of Halton Hills, Regional Municipality of Halton, and known as the Gibraltar 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 Gibraltar School, at 11999 Fifth Line, Limehouse, 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-2025-016, 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 Gibraltar School located at 11999 Fifth Line, Limehouse, 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. 2025-0047

LEGAL DESCRIPTION

PT LT 21, CON 6 ESQ, PART 1, 20R9187 TOWN OF HALTON HILLS

PIN: 250150046

SCHEDULE “B” TO BY-LAW NO. 2025-0047

REASONS FOR DESIGNATION

Description of Property

The subject property is an irregular-shaped lot located on the northeast side of Fifth Line. The property contains a two-storey limestone Ontario rural schoolhouse, and is legally described as “PT LT 21, CON 6 ESQ, PART 1, 20R9187 TOWN OF HALTON HILLS”.

Statement of Cultural Heritage Value or Interest

The Gibraltar School at 11999 Fifth Line has physical and design value as a representative example of a late-nineteenth-century vernacular Ontario rural schoolhouse in the community of Limehouse within the Town of Halton Hills. The two-storey school was constructed in 1864, and features stone construction, multiple flatheaded window openings along the side elevations, and a front vestibule. The schoolhouse was originally one storey, but a second storey was introduced in 1875 to accommodate the growing student population.

The Gibraltar School at 11999 Fifth Line has historical and associative value due to its associations with the early educational system in the community of Limehouse. The student population began to grow with the establishment of *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. Additionally, as Limehouse began to thrive as a community, there was a need to construct another classroom for incoming pupils.

The property also has associations with Reverend John McColl. Reverend John McColl attended Gibraltar in 1860 and later attended Waterloo School. Reverend McColl graduated from the University of Toronto in 1870, and the Theological Seminary of Princeton, New Jersey, in 1873. Additionally, the property has associations with Dr. James Lindsay, who was born in Limehouse and remained in the community before leaving to study medicine. After graduating, Lindsay later moved to Guelph to work as a physician and a surgeon. Once Dr. Lindsay retired, he returned to the old Lindsay family homestead in Limehouse and resided on the property until his death. He was an active member with the Presbyterian Church.

The Gibraltar School at 11999 Fifth Line is important in defining, maintaining, and supporting the rural character of the community of Limehouse. The former Gibraltar Schoolhouse is physically, visually, and historically linked to its surroundings as an early schoolhouse that accommodated pupils from Limehouse, from the 1860s to the 1960s. Gibraltar Schoolhouse is the only schoolhouse located in Limehouse and is well-known to local residents as a point of reference and a local landmark.

The identified heritage attributes of the property at 11999 Fifth Line, Limehouse, that contribute to its physical and design value include:

- The setback, location, and orientation of the schoolhouse along Fifth Line in the community of Limehouse within the Town of Halton Hills;
- The scale, form, and massing of the c.1864, two-storey stone schoolhouse with gable roof and staggered stone quoins;
- Materials, including the stone construction, sills, lintels and detailing;
- On the front (southwest) elevation:
 - o The central vestibule with a gable roof, flatheaded window opening with limestone sill and lintel, and the flatheaded doorway with limestone lintel;
 - o Multiple flatheaded window openings with limestone sills and lintels; and,
- On the side (northwest and southeast) elevations:
 - o Multiple flatheaded window openings with limestone sills and lintels.

The identified heritage attribute of the property at 11999 Fifth Line, Limehouse, that contributes to its historical and associative value includes:

- The legibility of the existing property as a late-nineteenth-century vernacular Ontario rural schoolhouse along Fifth Line within the community of Limehouse in the Town of Halton Hills.

The identified heritage attributes of the property at 11999 Fifth Line, Limehouse, that contribute to its contextual value include:

- The legibility of the existing property as a late-nineteenth-century vernacular Ontario rural schoolhouse along Fifth Line within the community of Limehouse in the Town of Halton Hills;
- The setback, location, and orientation of the c.1864 Gibraltar School on the northeast side of Fifth Line in the community of Limehouse; and,
- The scale, form, and massing of the two-storey late-nineteenth century vernacular Ontario rural schoolhouse.