



**BY-LAW NO. 2025-0066**

A By-law to designate the Miller-McLaughlin House, located at 9118 Winston Churchill Boulevard, 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 9118 Winston Churchill Boulevard, Regional Municipality of Halton, and known as the Miller-McLaughlin 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 Miller-McLaughlin House, located at 9118 Winston Churchill Boulevard, 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 June 16, 2025, Council for the Town of Halton Hills approved Report No. PD-2025-029, dated May 26, 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 Miller-McLaughlin House, located at 9118 Winston Churchill Boulevard, 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 25th day of August, 2025.

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MAYOR – ANN LAWLOR

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TOWN CLERK – VALERIE PETRYNIAK

**SCHEDULE “A” TO BY-LAW NO. 2025-0066**

**LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

PT LTS 6 & 7, CON 11 ESQ, PTS 1 & 2, 20R3191, EXCEPT PT 6, 20R13485 & PTS  
1,2 & 3, 20R14600; HALTON HILLS

PIN: 250270092

## **SCHEDULE “B” TO BY-LAW NO. 2025-0066**

### **REASONS FOR DESIGNATION**

#### **Description of Property**

The property at 9118 Winston Churchill Boulevard is located along the southwest side of Winston Churchill Boulevard between the historic settlements of the Norval and Hornby communities in the Town of Halton Hills. The property contains a c.1861 residential building, a large church, assembly hall, and several recreational facilities.

#### **Statement of Cultural Heritage Value or Interest**

The Miller-McLaughlin House at 9118 Winston Churchill Boulevard has physical and design value as a representative example of a mid-nineteenth-century agricultural residence in the Gothic Revival style. The two-storey brick residential building exhibits features typical of this style, such as the gable roof, Flemish-bond brickwork, projecting bay, segmentally arched window, transom window, sidelights, as well as the stone sills and lintels. The existing building can be accessed by a mature tree-lined drive and is surrounded by a coniferous window immediately to the northeast, as well as mature trees towards the rear (southwest) elevation. Along Winston Churchill Boulevard, a mature deciduous windrow extends in front of the existing house and barn.

This property holds significant historical and associative value due to its long-standing connection to early settlers and influential families in Halton Hills. It is closely associated with the prominent pioneering Miller family, including John Miller, who settled the property in 1844. His son, James Miller, completed the settlement duties on the property, constructing a cabin before commissioning local builder Thomas Ruddell to construct the existing Gothic Revival house in 1862. James Miller's two surviving sons, William Chisholm Miller and John Harvey Miller, became prominent settlers in Manitoba. William entered the lumber business, while John became a dealer in agricultural equipment and later served as the town's mayor.

The property is also associated with the McLaughlin family who were active in the early settlement and agricultural development of Peel and Halton Counties. Claudius Stewart McLaughlin, a Scottish Highlander, settled in Peel County in the 1820s after emigrating from Ireland with his family. His son, Joseph McLaughlin, raised thirteen children in Chinguacousy Township, and in 1889, six of his sons—Robert, Claudius II, David, Frederick, William, Joseph, and Richard—purchased the subject property, with Claudius II becoming the sole proprietor in 1896. After Claudius' death in 1910, his brother Frederick took over the farm, raising his two sons, Claude and Richard, on the property. The McLaughlin brothers were deeply engaged in local agricultural and community affairs, with Claude serving as Treasurer of Norval Presbyterian Church and Richard holding leadership roles in regional farming organizations. Following Frederick's death in 1959, Claude and Richard inherited the land, continuing to operate the farm until Richard's death in 1976. In 1977, Claude sold the subject property to the trustees of a proposed Croatian Social and Cultural Centre, marking the end of McLaughlin family ownership.

The property at 9118 Winston Churchill Boulevard holds significant contextual value, being physically, functionally, visually, and historically linked to its surroundings. The farmhouse is related to the c.1890s McLaughlin House at 9690 Winston Churchill Boulevard. Other properties in the vicinity, such as the Menzies-Early farm at 9476 Tenth Line and the J. W. L. Forster House at 9948 Winston Churchill Boulevard, also

feature Gothic Revival farmhouses that continue to function as agricultural residences.

As a late nineteenth-century Gothic Revival farmhouse that has remained in its original location for over 160 years, the Miller-McLaughlin House represents a prominent architectural style that defined rural Ontario during this period. Additionally, the existing tree-lined drive and tree windrows reflect the agricultural history of the property in the community of Esquesing.

### **Heritage Attributes**

The identified heritage attributes of the property at 9118 Winston Churchill Boulevard that contribute to its physical and design value include:

- The setback, location, and orientation of the existing building along Winston Churchill Boulevard;
- The tree-lined drive extending to the residential building from Winston Churchill Boulevard, the mature deciduous windrow along Winston Churchill Boulevard, the coniferous windrow located immediately northwest of the residential building, and the mature trees towards the rear (southwest) of the residential building;
- The scale, form, and massing of the existing c.1860s, two-storey L-shaped Gothic Revival residential building with gable roof and stone foundation;
- The materials, including brick, limestone, and detailing throughout;
- The front (northeast) elevation, including:
  - The one-storey projecting bay with a bracketed cornice, as well two flatheaded window openings with stone sills and lintels;
  - Three semi-circular window openings with stone sills and radiating brick voussoirs;
  - Flatheaded window openings with stone sills and lintels;
  - Flatheaded entryway with stone lintel, sidelights, and transom window;
  - Brick chimney extending above the gable peak;
- The side (southeast) elevation, including:
  - Flatheaded window openings with stone sills and lintels;
  - Flatheaded entryway with stone lintel;
- The side (northwest) elevation, including:
  - Flatheaded window openings with stone sills and lintels;
  - Two semi-circular window openings with stone sills and radiating brick voussoirs; and,
  - The late-nineteenth century summer kitchen.

The identified heritage attribute of the property at 9118 Winston Churchill Boulevard that contributes to its historical and associative value includes:

- The legibility of the existing property as a c.1861 Gothic Revival residential building brick farmhouse within the Town of Halton Hills;

The identified heritage attributes of the property at 9118 Winston Churchill Boulevard that contribute to its contextual value include:

- The legibility of the existing property as a c.1861 Gothic Revival residential building brick farmhouse within the Town of Halton Hills;
- The setback, location, and orientation of the existing building along Winston Churchill Boulevard;
- The tree-lined drive extending to the residential building from Winston Churchill Boulevard, the mature deciduous windrow along Winston Churchill Boulevard, the coniferous windrow located immediately northwest of the residential building,

and the mature trees towards the rear (southwest) of the residential building;  
and,

- The scale, form, and massing of the existing c.1860s, two-storey L-shaped Gothic Revival residential building with gable roof and stone foundation.