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REPORT

TO: Mayor Lawlor and Members of Council

FROM: Laura Loney, Manager of Heritage Planning

DATE: August 8, 2025

REPORT NO.: PD-2025-047

SUBJECT: Intention to Designate under Part IV, Section 29 of the Ontario Heritage Act – 3 Prince Street (Glen Williams)

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT Report No. PD-2025-047, dated August 8, 2025, and titled “Intention to Designate under Part IV, Section 29 of the Ontario Heritage Act – 3 Prince Street (Glen Williams)” be received;

AND FURTHER THAT Council state its intention to designate the property at 3 Prince Street, legally described as “PT LT 21, CON 10 ESQ, AS IN 814228; LT 66, PL 49; HALTON HILLS/ESQUESING”, under Part IV, Section 29 of the Ontario Heritage Act, as recommended by Heritage Halton Hills;

AND FURTHER THAT the Town Clerk proceed with serving a Notice of Intention to Designate as mandated by Section 29(3) of the Ontario Heritage Act;

AND FURTHER THAT once the 30-day objection period has expired, and if there are no objections, a designation by-law for the property, legally described above, be brought forward to Council for adoption.

KEY POINTS:

The following are key points for consideration with respect to this report:

- Staff have undertaken a Research & Evaluation Report for the subject property in accordance with the Town’s Council-approved Heritage Register Prioritization Strategy to respond to changes to the *Ontario Heritage Act* through *Bill 23, More Homes, Built Faster Act, 2022*, with further amendments made through *Bill 200, the Homeowner Protection Act*;

- The subject property meets Ontario Regulation 9/06 criteria for designation under Part IV of the *Ontario Heritage Act* and has been identified as a significant cultural heritage landscape; and,
- Staff are recommending that Council state its intention to designate the property.
- This report is identified as requiring immediate action due to legislated timelines for Notices of Intention to Designate under Part IV of the *Ontario Heritage Act*.

BACKGROUND AND DISCUSSION:

The property at 3 Prince Street is located along the southeast side of Prince Street in Glen Williams and contains a one-and-a-half-storey brick building that originally served as a blacksmith shop, and a one-and-a-half storey brick residential building.

On April 25, 2025, the current property owner was mailed a designation information package with covering letter from staff, identifying that this work was being undertaken and encouraging them to contact staff to discuss further. Staff sent an additional notice on June 5, 2025, advising them that the Research and Evaluation Report for the subject property would be reviewed at the June 18, 2025, meeting of Heritage Halton Hills. The owner has not contacted staff as of the finalization of this report.

The subject property has been researched and evaluated by staff as part of the Town's Council-approved Heritage Register prioritization strategy to respond to *Bill 23, More Homes, Built Faster Act, 2022*.¹

Heritage Halton Hills first reviewed the Research and Evaluation Report for 3 Prince Street at its June 18, 2025 meeting, where the following motion was carried:

Recommendation No. HHH-2025-0035

THAT Heritage Halton Hills recommend Council issue a Notice of Intention to Designate for the property at 3 Prince Street for designation under the Ontario Heritage Act.

The property at 3 Prince Street, including the Tost Blacksmith Shop and Schenk House at 3 Prince Street, has been identified as a significant cultural heritage resource within the community of Glen Williams in the Town of Halton Hills. The Tost Blacksmith Shop serves as a representative example of a mid-nineteenth-century vernacular industrial building, and the Schenk House is a representative example of an early-twentieth-century vernacular building with Edwardian influences. The property is associated with blacksmith and manufacturer William Tost and his family, as well as the Schenk Family who established the Credit Valley Bottling Company and Glen Knitting Mills. The property has also been identified as contextually significant.

¹ Bill 23 stipulates that municipalities have a two-year window to determine whether properties on the Heritage Register warrant designation under the Ontario Heritage Act. If not so designated after two years, properties must be removed from the Heritage Register. On June 6, 2024, Bill 200 (the Homeowner Protection Act) received Royal Assent, extending the 2-year timeline prescribed by Bill 23, giving municipalities, including the Town of Halton Hills, until January 1, 2027, to either issue a NOID for a listed property or to remove it from the Heritage Register.

As described in the Research & Evaluation Report, the identified heritage attributes that contribute to the physical and design value of the property at 3 Prince Street include:

- The Tost Blacksmith Shop, including:
 - o The setback, location, and orientation of the one-and-a-half storey brick industrial-form building along Prince Street in the community of Glen Williams;
 - o The scale, form, and massing of the existing building, including its side open-gable roof;
 - o The materials, including red brick exterior and stone sills throughout;
- The Schenk House, including:
 - o The setback, location, and orientation of the one-and-a-half storey brick residential building adjacent to the Tost Blacksmith Shop;
 - o The scale, form, and massing of the existing building, including its hipped roof with central dormer;
- The materials, including red brick exterior in running bond and concrete sills;
- The hipped roof porch with brick columns and walls at the first storey of the front elevation;
- The symmetrically placed, flatheaded window openings at the second storey of the front elevation; and,
- On the southwest elevation, the tall brick chimney extending above the eaves.

The identified heritage attribute of the property at 3 Prince Street that contributes to its historical and associative value includes:

- The legibility of the c.1871 former blacksmith shop and c.1934 vernacular residential building with Edwardian influences within the community of Glen Williams in the Town of Halton Hills.

The identified heritage attributes of the property at 3 Prince Street that contribute to its contextual value include:

- The legibility of the c.1871 former blacksmith shop and c.1934 vernacular residential building with Edwardian influences within the community of Glen Williams in the Town of Halton Hills;
 - o For the c.1871 blacksmith shop:
 - The setback, location, and orientation of the one-and-a-half storey brick industrial-form building along Prince Street in the community of Glen Williams;
 - The scale, form, and massing of the existing building, including its side open-gable roof;
 - o For the c.1934 vernacular residential building with Edwardian influences:
 - The setback, location, and orientation of the one-and-a-half storey brick residential building adjacent to the Tost Blacksmith Shop; and,

- The scale, form, and massing of the existing building, including its hipped roof with central dormer.

The one-storey connection between the two buildings, the interiors and rear elevation of the Tost Blacksmith Shop, and the interiors and rear/northeast elevations of the Schenk House, were not identified as heritage attributes of the subject property.

Based on the identified cultural heritage value of the property, and as the property meets criteria for designation per Ontario Regulation 9/06 criteria, staff are recommending that Council designate the property under Part IV of the *Ontario Heritage Act*.

STRATEGIC PLAN ALIGNMENT:

This report identifies natural areas and heritage as one of the Town's Strategic priorities.

RELATIONSHIP TO CLIMATE CHANGE:

This report is administrative in nature and does not directly impact or address climate change and the Town's Net Zero target.

PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT:

Public Engagement was not needed as this report is administrative in nature.

INTERNAL CONSULTATION:

Heritage Halton Hills has been consulted in the preparation of this report.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

This report is administrative in nature and does not have any financial implications.

Reviewed and approved by,

Bronwyn Parker, Director of Planning Policy

John Linhardt, Commissioner of Planning & Development

Chris Mills, Chief Administrative Officer