



BY-LAW NO. 2026-0036

A By-law to designate the Fisher Farmhouse, located at 9709 Fifth Line, 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 9709 Fifth Line, Town of Halton Hills, Regional Municipality of Halton, and known as the Fisher Farmhouse, 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 Fisher Farmhouse, located at 9709 Fifth Line, 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 on March 9, 2026, Council for the Town of Halton Hills approved Report No. PD-2026-021, dated February 13, 2026, 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 Fisher Farmhouse, located at 9709 Fifth Line, 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 in 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 20th day of April, 2026.

MAYOR – ANN LAWLOR

TOWN CLERK – VALERIE PETRYNIAK

SCHEDULE "A" TO BY-LAW NO. 2026-0036

LEGAL DESCRIPTION

PT LT 9, CON 6 ESQ, PT 2 20R6088 S&E PTS 1 & 2 20R16721 TOWN OF HALTON
HILLS

PIN: 250290094

SCHEDULE "B" TO BY-LAW NO. 2026-0036

REASONS FOR DESIGNATION

Description of Property

The subject property is a rectangular 96-acre parcel situated along the northeast side of Fifth Line between the historic settlements of the Scotch Block and Ashgrove communities in the Town of Halton Hills. It is accessible via an unpaved driveway from Fifth Line. The property lies in an agricultural area and features a residential building fronting Fifth Line (setback approximately 30 metres), accompanied by associated outbuildings and a small shed to the rear.

Statement of Cultural Heritage Value or Interest

The Fisher Farmhouse at 9709 Fifth Line has physical and design value as a representative example of a late-nineteenth-century agricultural residence in the Gothic Revival style. The two-storey brick residential building exhibits features typical of this style, including the gable roof, dichromatic brickwork, projecting bay, decorative wooden bargeboard, finials, segmentally arched window and door openings, transom window, and quoining. The existing wooden bargeboard, use of dichromatic brick, and decorative brick patterns on the front elevation display a high degree of craftsmanship and artistic merit. While associated outbuildings for farm use remain within the property, none currently serve as rare, unique or representative examples of late-nineteenth century/early-twentieth-century barns within the modified farmscape.

The property at 9709 Fifth Line holds significant historical and associative value due to its long-standing connection to early settlers and influential families in Halton Hills. Originally granted to John Fisher in 1831, the property became an important agricultural site under the Fisher family's stewardship. John Fisher, a skilled carpenter and one of the first settlers in the area, established a homestead on the property, and his family's presence would be a cornerstone of the local community for over a century. Following John Fisher's death in 1871, his son Thomas Fisher inherited the property and continued to manage its agricultural operations. Thomas was a well-respected figure in Esquesing Township, known for his significant contributions to the community.

After Thomas Fisher's death in 1899, his nephew, George Hume inherited the subject property. The Hume family maintained ownership of the subject property throughout the early twentieth century, with George and Elizabeth Hume playing active roles in both local agriculture and the Presbyterian Church. In 1916, the property was transferred to Andrew Seward Wilson and his wife, Edith Pearl Wilson, both of whom had deep roots in the local agricultural community. Edith Wilson was particularly active in local organizations, such as the Norval United Church and the Terra Cotta Farmers Club. The Wilson family hosted numerous community events from the subject property.

The property's significance is further underscored by its association with key community figures and its role as a venue for notable events, such as social gatherings and celebrations that brought together local residents. Its continuous use as an agricultural residence for over a century and a half highlights its enduring role in the local economy and community life and the legacy of the Fisher, Hume, and Wilson families and their contributions to the development of Halton Hills.

The property at 9709 Fifth Line holds significant contextual value, being physically, functionally, visually, and historically linked to its surroundings. As a late nineteenth-century Gothic Revival farmhouse that has remained in its original location for over 130 years, it represents a prominent architectural style that defined rural Ontario during this period. The farmhouse is directly related to the nearby Fisher family residence at 9670 Fifth Line, which has stayed within the Fisher family for over 180 years. The property serves to preserve the architectural character of early agricultural settlement in the region and play a vital role in maintaining the nineteenth-century architectural heritage of the rural landscape within the Town of Halton Hills.

The heritage attributes of the property at 9709 Fifth Line that contribute to its physical and design value are identified as follows:

- The setback, location, and orientation of the existing building along Fifth Line;
- The scale, form, and massing of the existing c.1870s, two-storey Gothic Revival residential building with gable roof and stone foundation;
- The materials, including dichromatic brick, wooden bargeboard and detailing throughout;
- The front (southwest) elevation, including:
 - The one-storey projecting bay with a bracketed roof, as well as three segmentally arched window openings and buff-brick voussoirs;
 - Segmentally arched window openings with brick voussoirs;
 - Decorative brick lozenge pattern and brick cross-shaped detailing;
 - Decorative wooden bargeboard;
 - Finials atop the two gable peaks;
 - Painted brick quoining;
 - Segmentally arched entryway with transom window;
- The side (northwest) elevation, including:
 - At the second storey, the segmentally arched window openings with limestone sills and brick voussoirs;
 - Gable end with decorative wooden bargeboard and finials;
 - The chimney extending above the gable peak;
 - Painted brick quoining;
- The side (southeast) elevation, including:
 - At the first storey, segmentally arched window openings with limestone sills and brick voussoirs;
 - Central gable peak with decorative wooden bargeboard;
 - At the second storey, the segmentally arched window opening and limestone sill beneath the gable peak;
 - Painted brick quoining.

The rear addition, accessory structures, and interiors have not been identified as heritage attributes as part of this report.

The heritage attribute of the property at 9709 Fifth Line that contributes to its historical and associative value is identified as follows:

- The legibility of the Fisher Farmhouse as a late-nineteenth-century agricultural residence in the Gothic Revival style within the Town of Halton Hills.

The heritage attributes of the property at 9709 Fifth Line that contribute to its contextual value are identified as follows:

- The legibility of the Fisher Farmhouse as a late-nineteenth-century agricultural residence in the Gothic Revival style within the Town of Halton Hills;
- The setback, location, and orientation of the existing building along Fifth Line; and,
- The scale, form, and massing of the existing c.1870s, two-storey Gothic Revival residential building with gable roof and stone foundation.