

## REPORT

**REPORT TO:** Chair and Members of the Planning, Public Works and Transportation Committee

**REPORT FROM:** Laura Loney, Senior Heritage Planner

**DATE:** December 20, 2019

**REPORT NO.:** PD-2020-0001

**RE:** Intention to Designate under Part IV, Section 29 of the Ontario Heritage Act - Barrett Barn, 98 Confederation Street

### RECOMMENDATION:

THAT Report PD-2020-0001 dated December 20, 2019 and titled "Intention to Designate under Part IV, Section 29 of the Ontario Heritage Act – Barrett Barn, 98 Confederation" be received;

AND FURTHER THAT Council state its intention to designate the property at 98 Confederation Street, legally described as "PT LT 21, CON 9 ESQ , AS IN 487944 ; HALTON HILLS/ESQUESING ; SUBJECT TO EXECUTION 92-00217, IF ENFORCEABLE", under Part IV, Section 29 of the Ontario Heritage Act as recommended by Heritage Halton Hills;

AND FURTHER THAT Clerks staff 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 at 98 Confederation Street be brought forward to Council for adoption.

### BACKGROUND:

The subject property is located at 98 Confederation Street (refer to location map in Appendix A of this report). The property includes a residential building constructed c.1875, which has been heavily altered, and a barn constructed c.1919, known as the Barrett Barn.

The property at 98 Confederation Street is not currently listed on the Town's Municipal Heritage Register. The property was identified as having cultural heritage value through communications with the current property owners and through an evaluation of the property under Ontario Regulation 9/06 Criteria for Determining Heritage Value or Interest.

Upon request for designation by the current property owners, Heritage Halton Hills prepared a Designation Report (attached as Appendix B). The Designation Report describes the cultural heritage value of the property as:

The property at 98 Confederation Street, Glen Williams has historical and associative value as it includes the barn and landscape that formed part of the painting “Old Man in a Rocker” by the Group of Seven artist A.J. Casson. This is one of a number of paintings that were made of villages in Southern Ontario by A. J. Casson.

The artist A. J. Casson was one of Canada’s famous Group of Seven. The McMichael Canadian Art Collection website notes that: “Collectively they agreed: Canada’s rugged wilderness regions needed to be recorded in a distinctive painting style. This style would break from European tradition and reflect an increasingly nationalistic sentiment. Today, these men are among Canada’s most famous artists. For many, their works have come to symbolize what is the distinctly Canadian identity.”

A. J. Casson is one of Canada’s most prominent and most loved Canadian landscape painters. He is best known for his depictions of landscapes, forests and farms of southern Ontario. This included a number of paintings of Glen Williams and Norval. He stayed in the area for a period in the 1930’s when the paintings were completed. The property at 98 Confederation Street, Glen Williams is of historic and associative value as it has a direct association with an artist of national significance. The barn and landscape depicted in the “Old Man in a Rocker” by A. J. Casson are still largely intact. The work by A. J. Casson in Glen Williams and Norval reflects the traditional rural character of these village communities. These characteristics are still treasured by many of the current residents of these communities.

Heritage Halton Hills first reviewed a Designation Report prepared by committee member J. Mark Rowe for the property at 98 Confederation Street at its meeting of May 15, 2019, and the following motion was carried:

**Recommendation No. HERITAGE-2019-0013**

THAT Heritage Halton Hills receive the Barrett Barn Designation Report 2019, authored by J.M. Rowe;

AND FURTHER THAT Heritage Halton Hills supports the designation of Barrett Barn, located at 98 Confederation, Glen Williams, as presented;

AND FURTHER THAT staff prepare a cover report to advise Council of the committee’s recommendation to designate Barrett Barn, located at 98 Confederation, Glen Williams, under Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act.

The original Designation Report reviewed at the May 15, 2019 meeting of Heritage Halton Hills was subsequently revised in November 2019 by J.M. Rowe and Town staff to clarify the wording of several identified heritage attributes. The property owners of 98 Confederation Street were provided with the updates to the Designation Report by Heritage Halton Hills committee members and staff. The revised Designation Report for the property at 98 Confederation Street was reviewed by Heritage Halton Hills at its meeting of November 20, 2019 and no concerns with the revisions were identified.

## **COMMENTS:**

As described in the Designation Report, the heritage attributes of the property at 98 Confederation Street include:

- The setback, placement and orientation of the Barrett Barn is at the end of a driveway on the south-western side of Confederation Street in the village of Glen Williams. A hill rises on the north-west side and continues downward on the south-east side. The garage door opening faces Confederation Street. The second story of the building is level with the lawn on the top of the hill.
- The scale, form and massing of the two-storey form barn with cross gable pitched roof, one running east-west on the front section, and a second running north-south on the rear section of an L-shaped building

## **EASTERLY (FRONT) SECTION:**

- Front gabled wing with wide barn/garage door opening at the first storey, with four/three fixed pane window on the second storey, all facing Confederation Street
- Southerly side door opening with one ground floor window and a second-floor window in line with the first-floor door opening
- Barn board cladding on the principal (easterly) and southerly side elevations

## **WESTERLY (REAR) SECTION:**

- Original wooden door opening facing Confederation Street (currently covered in metal siding)
- Original window opening facing Confederation Street (currently covered in metal siding)
- On the southerly elevation, paired rectangular window openings with fixed pane wood windows with 3/2 divided panes

NOTE: The c.1875 residential building within the property at 98 Confederation Street has been significantly altered and is not identified as a heritage attribute.

If Council decides to proceed with designation, a Notice of Intention to Designate will be served on the property owner and the Ontario Heritage Trust, and will be published in the local newspaper. Any person may object to the Notice of Intention to Designate within 30 days of its publication. If there are no objections within the 30-day period, the designation by-law for the property at 98 Confederation Street will be brought forward to Council for approval.

### **RELATIONSHIP TO STRATEGIC PLAN:**

This report relates to the implementation of the Strategic Direction D. to Preserve, Protect, and Promote Our Distinctive History, the goal of which is to preserve the historical urban and rural character of Halton Hills through the conservation and promotion of our built heritage, cultural heritage landscapes and archaeological resources. This report directly relates to the following Strategic Objectives:

D.1. To require and develop a planning framework for the conservation of significant built heritage, cultural landscapes and archaeological resources.

D.2. To encourage the preservation and enhancement of the historical character of the Town's distinctive neighbourhoods, districts, hamlets and rural settlement areas.

### **FINANCIAL IMPACT:**

There is no financial impact associated with this particular report.

### **CONSULTATION:**

Consultation between Heritage Halton Hills, Town staff, and the current property owners of 98 Confederation Street led to the preparation of this report.

### **PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT:**

No public consultation was required as part of the preparation of this report.

### **SUSTAINABILITY IMPLICATIONS:**

The Town is committed to implementing our Community Sustainability Strategy, Imagine Halton Hills. Doing so will lead to a higher quality of life.

The designation of the property at 98 Confederation Street under Part IV of the *Ontario Heritage Act* will further the Town's goal of identifying and protecting significant heritage buildings and resources. This report supports the Cultural Vibrancy pillar of Sustainability and the theme of Valued Heritage Legacy. In summary, the alignment of this report with the Community Sustainability Strategy is Good.

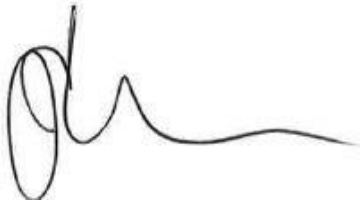
**CONCLUSION:**

It is recommended that Council indicate its intent to designate the property at 98 Confederation Street under Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act.

Reviewed and Approved by,

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**Bronwyn Parker, Manager of Planning Policy**

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**John Linhardt, Commissioner of Planning and Development**

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**Brent Marshall, Chief Administrative Officer**