



REPORT

REPORT TO: Mayor Bonnette and Members of Council

REPORT FROM: Laura Loney, Senior Heritage Planner

DATE: July 10, 2020

REPORT NO.: PD-2020-0028

RE: Removal of a Listed Property from the Heritage Register – 108 Charles Street

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT Report PD-2020-0028 dated July 10, 2020 regarding “Removal of a Listed Property from the Heritage Register – 108 Charles Street” be received;

AND FURTHER THAT the property at 108 Charles Street (Georgetown) be removed from the Heritage Register.

BACKGROUND:

The *Ontario Heritage Act* (OHA) states that a municipality must keep a register of properties situated in the municipality that is of cultural heritage value or interest, and this list must contain properties that have been designated under Parts IV and V of the OHA. The OHA also states that the register may include properties that have not been designated under the OHA, but that the council of the municipality believes to be of cultural heritage value or interest. These properties are referred to as being listed. Section 27 (3) of the OHA requires that an owner of a property listed on a Municipal Heritage Register provide the Town with at least 60 days notice of their intent to demolish a structure, providing time for consideration of options with respect to heritage conservation (e.g. designation).

The Town of Halton Hills’ Heritage Register was developed in four Phases between 2007 and 2018. The property at 108 Charles Street was added to the Heritage Register in Phase One (2009) (Appendix A). Staff have received a formal request from the current property owner of 108 Charles Street to remove the property from the Heritage Register due to its deteriorated condition and impending sale. Staff have been advised that the property has been conditionally sold to a new owner who also wishes to remove the property from the Heritage Register and demolish the existing building.

COMMENTS:

Staff consulted with Heritage Halton Hills via a Zoom meeting on July 8, 2020 to review the subject property including photographs of its existing condition submitted by the property owner. The Heritage Halton Hills committee supported the removal of the property at 108 Charles Street and passed the following recommendation:

Recommendation No. HERITAGE-2020-0011:

THAT the Heritage Halton Hills Committee supports the removal of 108 Charles Street from the Town of Halton Hills' Heritage Register.

CARRIED

Staff supports the removal of the property at 108 Charles Street from the Heritage Register due to its deteriorated condition and lack of significant design and physical value. Since 2011, six properties within the Churchill Crescent Victory Housing neighbourhood have been removed by Council from the Heritage Register at property owners' requests following review by staff and Heritage Halton Hills. Future requests to demolish or remove a property listed on the Municipal Heritage Register within the Churchill Crescent Victory Housing neighbourhood will be considered and evaluated based on the cultural heritage value of that property.

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 are no financial impacts associated with this particular report.

CONSULTATION:

Heritage Halton Hills was consulted in 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 recommendation outlined in this report advances the Strategy's implementation. This report supports the Cultural Vibrancy pillar(s) of Sustainability and the theme of Valued Heritage Legacy. In summary the alignment of this report with the Community Sustainability Strategy is Good.

COMMUNICATIONS:

Should Council approve the removal of 108 Charles Street from the Heritage Register, the property owner will be advised that they can proceed with a demolition permit application.

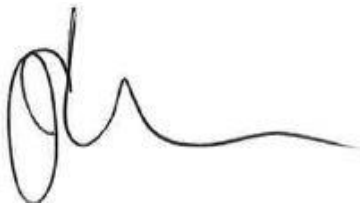
CONCLUSION:

The property at 108 Charles Street is not recommended for further evaluation and designation under Part IV of the *Ontario Heritage Act*. Staff recommends that Council remove the property from the Heritage Register to facilitate its demolition.

Reviewed and Approved by,



Bronwyn Parker, Director of Planning Policy



John Linhardt, Commissioner of Planning and Development



Brent Marshall, Chief Administrative Officer