

REPORT

REPORT TO: Mayor Bonnette and Members of Council

REPORT FROM: Laura Loney, Senior Heritage Planner

DATE: 23 October 2020

REPORT NO.: PD-2020-0055

RE: Removal of a Listed Property from the Heritage Register – 14

Churchill Crescent

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT Report PD-2020-0055 dated October 23, 2020 regarding "Removal of a Listed Property from the Heritage Register – 14 Churchill Crescent" be received;

AND FURTHER THAT the property at 14 Churchill Crescent 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 14 Churchill Crescent was added to the Heritage Register in Phase 1 (2010) (Appendix A). Staff have received a formal request from the current property owner of 14 Churchill Crescent to remove the property from the Heritage Register for the purposes of demolition and construction of a replacement dwelling.

COMMENTS:

Staff consulted with Heritage Halton Hills via a Zoom meeting on October 20, 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 14 Churchill Crescent and passed the following recommendation:

Recommendation No. HERITAGE-2020-0023:

THAT the Heritage Halton Hills Committee support the request to remove 14 Churchill Crescent from the Heritage Register to allow for demolition.

CARRIED

Staff supports the removal of the property at 14 Churchill Crescent from the Heritage Register due to its lack of significant value as an individual property. 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 THE STRATEGIC PLAN:

This report directly aligns to the following values in the Strategic Plan 2019-2022:

Preserve, Protect & Promote our Distinctive History

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.

Achieve Sustainable Growth

To ensure that growth is managed so as to ensure a balanced, sustainable, well planned community infrastructure and services to meets the needs of its residents and businesses.

The report is also closely linked with a number of Focus Areas/Priorities, including Shaping Growth.

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 14 Churchill Crescent from the Heritage Register, the property owner will be advised that they can proceed with a demolition permit application.

CONCLUSION:

The property at 14 Churchill Crescent 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,

John Linhardt, Commissioner of Planning and Development

Chris Mills, Acting Chief Administrative Officer