



## HERITAGE HALTON HILLS COMMITTEE AGENDA

**Date:** Wednesday, June 15, 2022, 6:30 p.m.  
**Location:** VIA ZOOM  
**Members:** Councillor T. Brown, Chair, Laura Loney, D. Brock, B. Cosper, R. Denny, C. Donaldson, A. Douglas, S. Frick, G. Miller, L. Quinlan, M. Rowe, A. Walker

1. CALL TO ORDER
2. DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY/CONFLICT OF INTEREST
3. RECEIPT OF PREVIOUS MINUTES
  - a. Minutes of the Heritage Halton Hills Committee Meeting held on May 18, 2022.
4. SCHEDULED ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION
  - a. Research & Evaluation Report and next Steps– 1 Park Avenue (Old Armoury)
  - b. 152 Confederation Street
  - c. Cultural Heritage Master Plan
  - d. Heritage Property Spotlights
  - e. July & August HHH Meetings
5. SUB-COMMITTEES AND WORKING GROUPS
6. CLOSED SESSION
7. ITEMS TO BE SCHEDULED FOR NEXT MEETING
8. ADJOURNMENT



**HERITAGE HALTON HILLS COMMITTEE**

**MINUTES**

Minutes of the Heritage Halton Hills Committee meeting held on  
Wednesday May 18, 2022 Via Zoom.

**Members Present:** Councillor T. Brown, Chair, B. Cosper, R. Denny, C. Donaldson,  
S. Frick, M. Rowe, A. Walker, G. Miller

**Regrets:** L. Quinlan

**Staff Present:** L. Loney, Senior Heritage Planner; D. Chan, Heritage Student;  
R. Brown, Deputy Clerk

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**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Councillor T. Brown, Chair called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

**2. DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY/CONFLICT OF INTEREST**

There were no disclosures of pecuniary/conflict of interest declared.

**3. RECEIPT OF PREVIOUS MINUTES**

Recommendation No. HH-2022-0018

THAT the Minutes of the Heritage Halton Hills Committee Meeting held on April  
20, 2022, be received.

CARRIED

#### **4. SCHEDULED ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION**

##### **4.a Introduction – Dawn Chan**

L. Loney introduced Dawn Chan, Heritage Summer Student to the committee.

##### **4.b Research & Evaluation Report – McNiven-Elliott House (76 Bower Street)**

L. Loney provided an overview of the research and evaluation report and that the owners and staff are in support of designation.

Recommendation No. HH-2022-0019

THAT Heritage Halton Hills Committee recommend that Council designate the property at 76 Bower Street (McNiven-Elliott House) under Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act in accordance with the findings in the Research and Evaluation Report for the property as presented by staff.

CARRIED

##### **4.c Research & Evaluation Report – Former Gregory Theatre (72 Mill Street)**

L. Loney provided an overview of the research and evaluation report noting that the property does NOT meet evaluation criteria of the Heritage Act and therefore staff do not recommend designation but rather recommend that the property stay on the heritage register for documentation prior to demolition.

Recommendation No. HH-2022-0020

THAT Heritage Halton Hills Committee recommend that the property at 72 Mill Street remain on the Heritage Register and that the property be fully documented prior to any future demolition applications for the property.

CARRIED

##### **4.d Heritage Property Spotlight Updates**

L. Loney advised the committee that the Craiglea presentation is ready for voiceover work.

S. Frick will be working on the Beatie and Moorcroft property. S. Frick advised that she has lots of information on the property so she will need to

narrow it down. Expecting to have editing completed by the end of the month.

D. Chan will be commencing the research and set up for the Lilac Lawns presentation.

#### **4.e Upcoming Reports to Council**

L. Loney advised that the following reports will be going on the June Council Agenda:

- Removal of 8140 Trafalgar Road from the Heritage Registry
- Designation Report for 26 Queen Street
- Designation Report for 76 Bower Street

#### **4.f Request for Removal from the Heritage Register – 9608 Eighth Line**

L. Loney advised that a request for removal from the heritage register was received for 9608 Eighth Line. The property owner was issued property standards order on April 11, 2022. A structural engineer completed a structural and building condition assessment report and the report has recommended demolition of the property due to neglect. The property has sustained too significant damage and it is not feasible to preserve the property. Staff support the recommendations contained within the report.

##### Recommendation No. HH-2022-0021

THAT Heritage Halton Hills Committee recommend that the property at 9608 Eighth Line be removed from the Heritage Register and that the property be fully documented prior demolition.

CARRIED

#### **5. SUB-COMMITTEES AND WORKING GROUPS**

NIL

#### **6. CLOSED SESSION**

NIL

**7. ITEMS TO BE SCHEDULED FOR NEXT MEETING**

M. Rowe advised that he has been approached by a neighbour wishing to have their property removed from the heritage registry in case of a perceived barrier for resale. The neighbour has noted that though the property looks good from the road the heritage features are not original and are just MDF.

L. Loney noted the process for removal and M. Rowe will relay the information to the requester.

L. Loney advised the committee members about the upcoming Heritage Conference that is taking place in Brockville, ON June 14-16. L. Loney asked if any members were interested in attending, M. Rowe indicated that he would like to attend.

L. Loney advised that multiple members could attend just need approval from the committee to spend the money from the Committees budget.

Recommendation No. HH-2022-0022

THAT the Heritage Halton Hills Committee recommends that any committee member interested in attending the Heritage Conference in Brockville be permitted to attend the conference and that the cost of registration and mileage required for attendance be covered by the Heritage Halton Hills Committee training budget.

CARRIED

**8. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 7:11 p.m.

# Research and Evaluation Report



(Town of Halton Hills 2022)

## **The Old Armoury**

1 Park Avenue, Georgetown, Town of Halton Hills

June 2022

### **Prepared by:**

Dawn Chan, Cultural Heritage Assistant – Town of Halton Hills

with

Laura Loney, Senior Heritage Planner – Town of Halton Hills

Mark Rowe, Vice-chair – Heritage Halton Hills

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## 1.0 Property Description

<b>1 Park Avenue</b>	
<b>Municipality</b>	Town of Halton Hills
<b>County or Region</b>	Regional Municipality of Halton
<b>Legal Description</b>	PT LT 18, CON 8 ESQ, PT 1, 20R12058. TOWN OF HALTON HILLS
<b>Construction Date</b>	c. 1866
<b>Original Use</b>	Drill Hall/Shed
<b>Current Use</b>	Theatre and Event Hall
<b>Architect/Building/Designer</b>	Walter Moberly
<b>Architectural Style</b>	Drill Shed
<b>Additions/Alterations</b>	Relocated to existing site in 1890; interior and exterior alterations
<b>Heritage Status</b>	Listed on the Town's Heritage Register
<b>Recorder(s)</b>	Dawn Chan with Laura Loney & Mark Rowe
<b>Report Date</b>	June 2022

## 2.0 Background

This research and evaluation report describes the history, context, and physical characteristics of the property at 1 Park Avenue in Halton Hills, Ontario. The report includes an evaluation of the property's cultural heritage value as prescribed by the *Ontario Heritage Act*.

### 2.1 Historical Overview of the Lorne Scots Regiment

<b>Dates</b>	<b>Significant Events</b>
<b>1790</b>	The Canadian government formed volunteer sedentary regiments in Upper Canada. Among these were the Halton, Peel and Dufferin Units.
<b>1866</b>	Infantry companies from Stewarttown, Georgetown, and Norval joined with companies in Brampton and Oakville to respond to Fenian Raiders coming in from the Niagara region.
<b>1868</b>	The 20 <sup>th</sup> Halton Battalion was mobilised for the first time and began training in Oakville.
<b>1872</b>	The 20 <sup>th</sup> Halton Battalion changed its name to the Halton Rifles to reflect their new status as a rifle company.
<b>1885</b>	Lorne Rifles and the 20 <sup>th</sup> Battalion (Dufferin and Peel Regiments) served in composite battalions in the Northwest Rebellion and the South African War.
<b>1914 - 1918</b>	Members of the Lorne Rifles served in the 4 <sup>th</sup> Battalion of the 1 <sup>st</sup> Canadian Division during World War I.
<b>1936</b>	The Lorne Rifles merged with the Dufferin-Peel Units to form the Lorne Scots Battalion.
<b>1939 - 1945</b>	Members of the Lorne Scots served in defense platoons and for Canadian formations. Most notable of these included the Dieppe Raid and the Sicilian Invasion.
<b>1963</b>	The Lorne Scots held a Presentation of Colours under The Honourable W. Earl Rowe

## 2.2 Property and Structure History

The property at 1 Park Avenue was previously undeveloped land until 1890, when the land parcel was registered under Her Majesty the Queen as Lot 18, Concession 8, Esquesing Township, PT1. Sections of Lot 18 would eventually be sold off as land grants to residents as time went on.

The remaining land was then leased to the Department of National Defense in 1890 who used it as a training ground for the Halton Rifles. It was also around this time that the Georgetown Drill Shed was moved from its previous location at the Reserve Block at Church and Market Street in Georgetown to its current location.

The Georgetown Old Armoury, also referred to as the Georgetown Drill Shed, was constructed in 1866 alongside several other drill sheds in the Halton Region as a response to the Fenian Raids that had begun in the Niagara region. The Georgetown Drill Shed was originally constructed on the reserve block at the site of the old Market Square to house the Halton Regiment of the 20<sup>th</sup> Infantry Battalion under the Norval Company. The Georgetown Drill Shed would be the military training site for the Halton Rifles, now known as the Lorne Scots (Halton, Peel and Dufferin Units).



Figure 1: The Original Location of the Old Armoury prior to its move in the 1890s (County Atlas; Georgetown South Town Map)

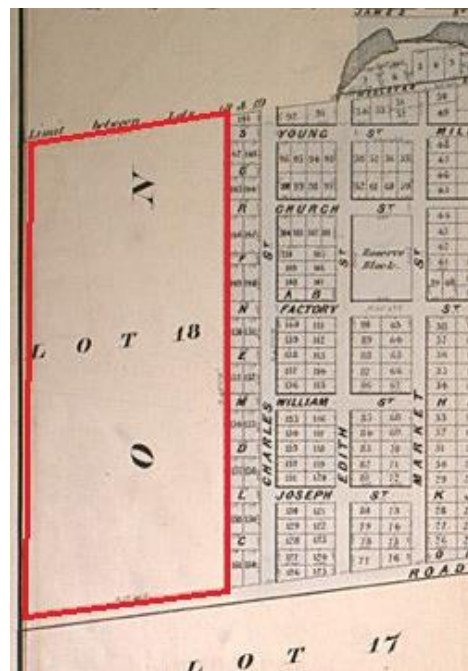


Figure 2: The location of the Old Armoury (County Atlas; Georgetown South Town Map)



Figure 3: 1990 Aerial Photograph of the Georgetown Fairgrounds. The red outline indicates the location of the Armoury. (ArcGIS)

In 1867, the Municipal Corporation of the County of Halton and Esquesing Council approved By-law 50 to grant \$200 to the companies of the Halton Battalion that would go to the construction of a Company Drill Shed at each of their headquarters. However, the shed was constructed prior to the approval of the By-law that granted funds to the Halton Battalion.

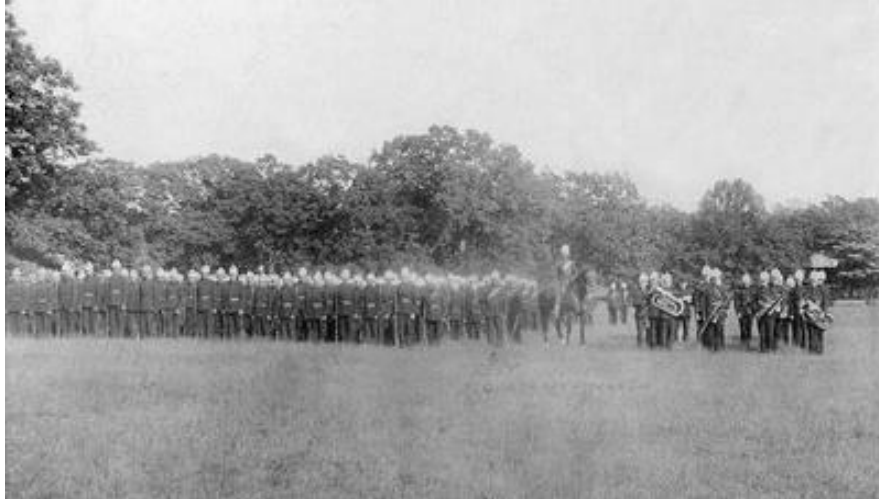


Figure 4: Halton Lorne Rifles performing drills; 1881. (AA Grey & Co Collection; TTACL001)

Following the Fenian Raids, the drill shed was mostly used by the Halton Rifles and Army Cadets as a training facility and for their biweekly meetings. A rifle range had been set up within the interior to allow for training to occur even during the winter months. Light .22 ammunition was fired at a steel wall to ensure safety and reduce noise, but this rifle range was later removed due to safety concerns.

In the 1890s, the Department of National Defense made the decision to move the drill shed and training grounds of the Lorne Rifles to the Georgetown Fairgrounds as they provided more space for training exercises and parade marches.

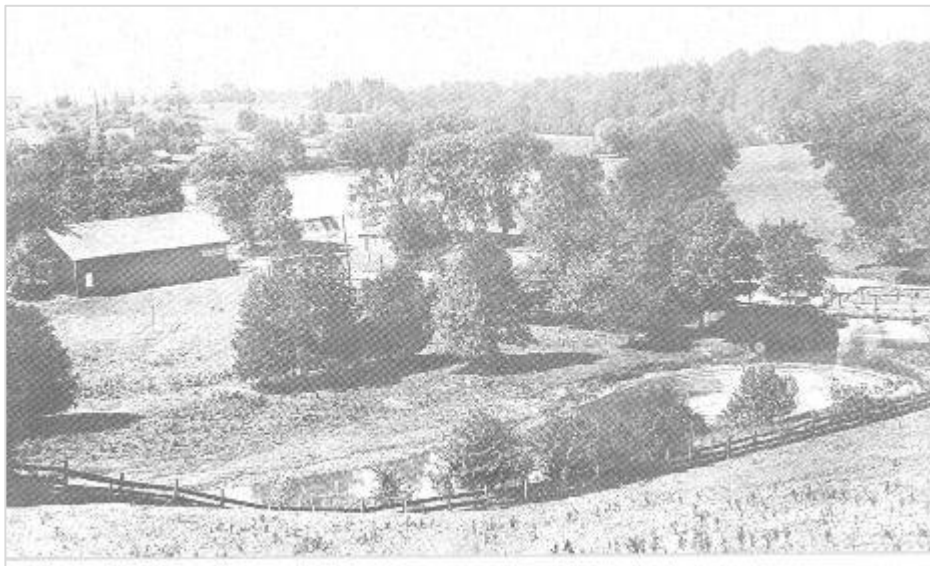


Figure 5: View of the Old Armoury on the far left; 1900. (Mary Maxwell Collection; EHS 94.22)



During WWI, the drill shed served as a recruitment centre and training ground for young Canadian volunteers to join the 4<sup>th</sup> Battalion that was part of the Overseas Expeditionary Forces in 1914. New recruits studied and practised rifle training on the fairgrounds.



Figure 6: 20th Halton Battalion Recruitment Photo. 1921. (EHS21542)



Figure 7: Photograph of two new recruits for the 20th Lorne Rifles; 1914 (EHS127 2.0.1.5)

## Lorne Scots seek recruits

The Lorne Scots #676 Canadian Army Cadets are starting a new training year and have vacancies for young people (male and female) age 12-17 years.

Parade night is every Wednesday night, 7 p.m. starting tonight (Wednesday), at the Georgetown Armoury located just inside the Georgetown Fairgrounds off Charles Street.

The Army Cadet training program covers a wide scope of activities which challenge cadets to reach their maximum potential.

Further information on the Lorne Scots #676 Royal Canadian Army Cadets can be obtained by contacting the Armoury at 877-3311 or Capt. J.H. Harrison at 877-4215.

Figure 8: Recruitment Advertisement for the Lorne Scots. (Georgetown Herald; 12 Sept 1990)

The Georgetown Drill Shed functioned as a recruitment centre for the Lorne Scots and the No. 676 Army Cadets long after WWI and WWII. While the drill shed and grounds were primarily used by the Department of National Defense for training the Lorne Scots and the Army Cadets, the Drill Shed and Fairgrounds were also used by local groups such as the Boy Scouts for organisation and community events.



Figure 9: Children at an unspecified event at the Old Armoury. Photo taken some time after 1890. (EHS06452)

**IT'S THIS SATURDAY!!**



**the 2nd Annual  
HALTON HILLS  
WINTERFEST**  
SATURDAY, FEB. 7th  
at the Georgetown Fairgrounds  
Co-ordinated by the Georgetown Jaycees

- Newfoundland Club - Hockey Showdown - Morning and Afternoon.
- Enter the Nail Driving Contest. First Prize is McSibton Hotel's Golden Spike Award.
- Show your pioneering skills - try your ability in the Optimist Club Log Sawing Contest.
- Bring your skis and try the trails thru the park and Golf Club (trails laid out by Georgetown High School Skiing Club).
- Donut Eating Contest for the kids.
- Try your skills in Snowball Throwing Contests.
- Toboggan Relay Races for the kids.
- Food & Refreshments in the Armouries.
- Free Horse-Drawn Sleigh Rides for the kids.
- Deep Snow Top-of-War
- Ice Bank for family skating.
- See the Builders Club Ice House
- Winter Equipment Exhibits in the Armouries
- Snowmobile Equipment & Safety Demonstrations
- Get the gang together and enter the Kiwanis Snow Sculpture Contest in the park.
- Finish the day's activities at the Deep Freeze Celebration Dance in the Armouries Sunday evening. \$5.00 per couple. Tickets available from Jaycees members or call 877-8758.

**THE DOGS ARE COMING**  
The Invitational Dog Sled Race is open to anyone with a sled plus 3 or 5 dogs - call Tony Evers 457-1797 or Bill Pshyk 877-6702.

**THE TOWN COUNCIL BULLIES WANT TO PLAY MONSTERBALL!**  
Get a team of 10 together to push the 7 foot ball across the other team and their goal line. Call Pam Slavin 877-6986, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

**THE KINSMEN'S NOVICE CAR RALLY**  
Still needs more entries. 100 Km. No experience necessary. Call Brian Markham at 877-6091 for details.

**THE ELK'S LODGE BROOMBALL TOURNAMENT** still has room for a few more teams - Call Jim Barrett 877-6640.

**Your entry at the gate gives you a free chance to win \$200.00 worth of food.**  
(Courtesy of Miracle Food Mart)

Entry:  
Kids.....25¢  
Adults.....50¢  
Families.....\$1.00

Figure 10: Advertisement for the Halton Hills Winterfest in 1981 (Georgetown Herald; 6 Feb 1981)

In 1994, the Lorne Scots and Cadets announced that they would be moving their headquarters to a new constructed armoury citing that the Old Armoury at the Fairgrounds was insufficient for their current activities. The new building, dubbed the Col. J. Barber Armoury, was constructed in 1994, and the Lorne Scots and Army Cadets moved their headquarters to the new location in the same year. The town made an offer to the Department of National Defense who had decommissioned the building after the move.



The Old Armoury was officially purchased by the Town of Halton Hills from the Department of National Defense on October 15, 1997. The old armoury was left abandoned for several years as the town attempted to find a new use for the building. In the interim, the building was mostly used as a fairground storage shed for equipment and fair displays during bad weather. The building's lack of use and neglect eventually led to the building falling into disrepair, leading the town to propose the building be scheduled for demolition.



Figure 11: The Armoury in 2009 prior to the renovations. Photo Courtesy of Globe Productions



Figure 12: The Old Armoury used as storage for fair displays and parade floats. Date Unknown. Image courtesy of Georgetown ON Magazine ([georgetownon.ca](http://georgetownon.ca))



Figure 13: Interior of the Armoury prior to renovations. 2009. The original board-batten had been previously whitewashed and not maintained. Photo Courtesy of Globe Productions



Figure 14: The upstairs mess hall in 2010. Photo Courtesy of Globe Productions



Figure 15: The upstairs office prior to renovations in 2010. Photo courtesy of Globe Productions

In 2010, the Georgetown Armoury was sold to George Globe Musical Productions (“Globe Productions”) for \$2. The Town of Halton Hills also transferred the remaining money in the account that had been initially set aside for the demolition of the building, which was used for repairs and to pay the Town solicitor for work on the Agreement between the Town and Globe Productions.

Globe Productions restored the building, including the construction of a new steel roof, support structures and the installation of vinyl energy-efficient windows. These were done to improve the building’s energy efficiency and longevity. The restoration work also reversed many of the contemporary additions that had been done to the structure over time, including stripping the exterior siding back to its original timber frame and board-batten siding and removing the drop ceiling.

Interior upgrades included the installation of insulation, drywall, electrical rewiring, energy-efficient heating and water systems, the inclusion of stairs to a second floor and an accessible washroom. Walls were constructed in the interior to create more space for a kitchen, bathrooms, and office and storage spaces.





Figure 16: Interior Renovations, including the installation of new walls and stairs for new offices and second floor access. Date between 2010-2015. Image courtesy of Georgetown ON Magazine (georgetownon.ca)



Figure 17: Roof reconstruction at the Old Armoury. Date between 2010-2015. Image Courtesy of Georgetown ON Magazine (georgetownon.ca)



Figure 18: Old roof being replaced with green steel. Date between 2010-2015. Image courtesy of Georgetown ON Magazine (georgetownon.ca)

In 2010, Globe Productions received a grant from the Trillium Fund. Additional money was raised through fundraising ventures including book sales and concerts run by Globe Productions, in addition to private donations provided by Georgetown residents.



Figure 19: Metallic Plaque dedicated to the donors for the Armoury Restoration Project



Figure 20: The Old Armoury in 2014 shortly after renovations were completed. Image courtesy of Globe Productions





Figure 21: Lorne Scots March during the 100th Anniversary of WWI. 2014. (EHS22963)



Figure 22: The community of Georgetown gathering during the unveiling of the stone monument at Globe Productions. 2014. (EHS22964)

Today, the Armoury primarily serves as a rehearsal and event hall for Globe Productions. The theatre company also runs smaller theatre productions and summer day camps in the space and occasionally uses the space for fundraising and community events such as book fairs and concerts.



Figure 23: Book Fair run by Georgetown Globe Musical Productions in 2012 (Image courtesy of *Escarpment Views: Events along the Rock*. Photo by Mike Davis)



Figure 24: Advertisement for a benefit to support the Armoury and Globe Productions. 2019. Image courtesy of Globe Productions





Figure 25: Globe Production's production of Little Women in 2019 performed at the Old Armoury. Image courtesy of Globe Productions



Figure 26: Advertisement for a Globe Production theatre production in 2022. Image courtesy of Globe Productions

### 2.3 Property & Architectural Description



Figure 27: View of the Georgetown Old Armoury looking west from Park Avenue and Charles St. (Town of Halton Hills 2022)

The subject property is located at 1 Park Avenue, Georgetown, Halton Hills, and is a rectangular-shaped parcel situated at the northeast corner of the Georgetown Fairgrounds. The property is legally known as PT LT 18, CON 8 ESQ, PT 1, 20R12058; TOWN OF HALTON HILLS. The property is accessible via Park Avenue and is oriented to the southwest facing the parking lot of the Georgetown Fairgrounds.

The Old Armoury building sits across from the Fairgrounds baseball diamond. The driveway to enter the property is flanked by two masonry pillars, one featuring a bronze plaque. A pair of mature deciduous trees can be found on the right side of the driveway into the property.



Figure 28: Bronze Plaque on the stone pillar at the entrance to the Fairgrounds (Town of Halton Hills 2022)

### *Architectural Description*

The Georgetown Old Armoury building is an approximately 5000 square feet, two-storey painted wooden board-batten building. There are two paved pedestrian walkways leading to the center and right doors on the front (southeast) elevation.

The wooden frame is original to the structure and was restored after previous modifications covered it. The exterior walls are a painted wood board and batten siding. The roof features a gabled roof, with a shallow lean-to roof over the east elevation. The exterior siding is original to the structure and has been repainted.

The windows were replaced from the original wooden windows at an unknown date. Additional modifications to the exterior of the structure include the installation of modern doors on the left and right of the central entrance.



*Front Elevation (South)*



Figure 29: Front (Southeast Elevation) of the structure facing the Fairgrounds parking lot

A mature deciduous tree is located to the left of the building. The building features three doors on the south elevation of the property. The left door adjacent to the center entrance is a modern metal door that has been painted. The center entrance is a roll-up door painted in the style of a barn-door to mimic the original. The right entrance was modified as part of the 2010 renovations. The awning that overhangs the entrance that was added sometime after the initial renovations were completed.



Figure 30: Side Entrance (Service Door) (Town of Halton Hills 2022)



Figure 31: Central Entrance (Town of Halton Hills 2022)



Figure 32: Visitor's Entrance; Double Doors (Town of Halton Hills 2022)

There are six pairs of vinyl double pane windows that are placed symmetrically over the central entrance.



Figure 33: Orientation of the double-pane windows on the front elevation (Town of Halton Hills 2022)



Figure 34: Detail of the double pane windows just above the side service entrance (Town of Halton Hills 2022)

A stone monument with a bronze plaque is placed to the left side of the main entrance facing the front parking lot between the barndoor entrance and main entrance.



Figure 35: Stone Memorial with Bronze Plaque found just off the right entrance to the Armoury (Town of Halton Hills 2022)

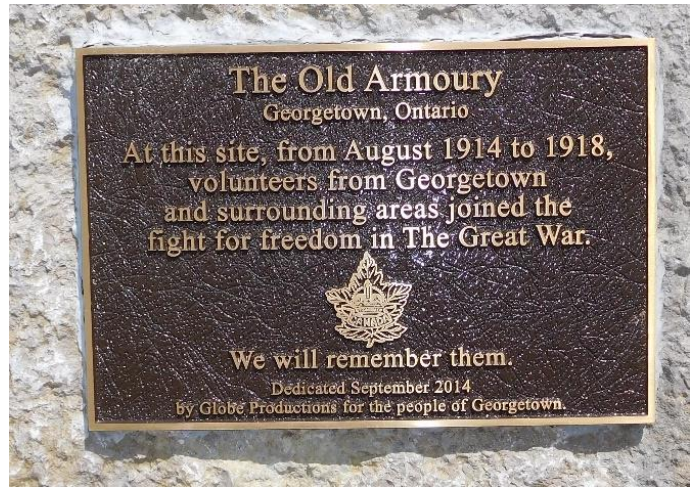


Figure 36: Bronze Plaque on the Stone Memorial (Town of Halton Hills 2022)



*Side Elevation (Southwest)*



Figure 37: Side (Southeast) Elevation of the structure facing the southeast Fairground parking lot (Town of Halton Hills 2022)

The southeast elevation has three double-pane vinyl windows placed symmetrically towards the center of the elevation.

*Rear Elevation (Northwest)*



Figure 38: Rear (northwest) Elevation of the structure from 3 Park Avenue (Town of Halton Hills 2022)

The northwest elevation also has two double pane windows, placed just above a metal door off to the left side. There is no paved pathway along this elevation.



A young deciduous tree has been planted to the right of the door. Another deciduous tree has also been planted near the corner of the property.



Figure 39: Orientation of the windows and door on the rear elevation (Town of Halton Hills 2022)



Figure 40: The door and windows on the rear elevation (Town of Halton Hills 2022)

*Side Elevation (Northeast)*



Figure 41: Side (Northeast) Elevation of the structure from the driveway of 3 Park Avenue (Town of Halton Hills 2022)

The northeast elevation has four double hung vinyl windows located just below the shed roof line. The shallow lean-to roof is located just below the lower edge of the gabled roof line.



Figure 42: Double Hung Windows can be found on the northeast elevation of the Armoury building. (Town of Halton Hills 2022)

Three deciduous trees of varying maturity surround this side of the structure. The elevation also faces the driveway to 3 Park Avenue.

The interior of the structure was not accessible as of the finalization of this report. However, photos of the interior from the 1990s and early 2000s feature the roof trusses characteristic of drill sheds constructed during the 1860s. The interior walls also featured wooden paneling that covered the original wooden board-batten walls. These have since been removed during renovations in 2010.



Figure 43: Photo of the roof trusses taken by the Department of National Defense. (EHS12567)



Figure 44: Photo of the roof trusses' structure. (EHS12554)





Figure 45: Main Room of the Drill Shed in 1990. (EHS12577)

There are also photos of the building shortly after the 2010 renovations were completed. The main room has since been restored its original board-batten walls and timber frame structure. The interior walls had been sandblasted to remove the whitewashing and to reveal the original wooden board-batten surface.



Figure 46: East interior wall of the main room of the Armoury. Image courtesy of Globe Productions



Figure 47: Restored main room of the Old Armoury in 2014. Image courtesy of Globe Productions

Additional walls have been installed to create more office spaces, production rooms, and amenities, including a small kitchen and public washrooms.



Figure 48: Newly installed kitchen. 2012.  
Image courtesy of Globe Productions



Figure 49: The new lobby hallway installed in 2010. Image courtesy of Globe Productions



Figure 50: The renovated mess hall that has been converted into a costume room for theatre productions. 2012. Image courtesy of Globe Productions

### 3.0 Description of Heritage Attributes and Evaluation Checklist

The following evaluation checklist applies to Ontario Regulation 9/06 made under the *Ontario Heritage Act*: Criteria for Determining Cultural Heritage Value or Interest. The criteria are prescribed for municipal designation of Heritage Properties under Part IV, Section 29 of the *Ontario Heritage Act*. The evaluation tables utilize an 'X' to signify applicable criteria and 'N/A' to signify criteria that is not applicable for this property.

<b>Design or Physical Value</b>	
Is rare, unique, representative, or early example of a style, type, expression, material, or construction method	<b>X</b>
Displays a high degree of craftsmanship or artistic merit	<b>N/A</b>
Demonstrates a high degree of technical or scientific achievement	<b>N/A</b>

The property at 1 Park Avenue is a rare surviving example of an early drill shed built in the 1860s in Ontario. Very few examples of drill sheds built during this time remain in the area, most having been demolished in the latter half of the 20th century, as was the case of the Hornby Drill Shed in 2005. The only remaining mid-19<sup>th</sup> century drill sheds known to be extant in Ontario include the Elora Drill Hall located in Wellington County, the Aurora Drill Shed in Aurora County, and the nearby Acton Drill Shed in Halton County.

Drill sheds of the time period were typically simple and utilitarian in design, making them quick and easy to build. The large spacious interior made them ideal for drilling practices and basic rifle training and were also an engineering feat of the time period. Other key features of drill sheds built in the mid-19<sup>th</sup> century included reinforced truss systems and timber framed structure. These features are demonstrated in the Georgetown Armoury's architectural design.

<b>Historical or Associative Value</b>	
Has direct associations with a theme, event, belief, person, activity, organization, or institution that is significant to a community	<b>X</b>
Yields, or has potential to yield, information that contributes to an understanding of a community or culture	<b>N/A</b>
Demonstrates or reflects the work or ideas of an architect, artist, builder, designer, or theorist who is significant to a community	<b>N/A</b>

The property at 1 Park Avenue is a direct example of the Canadian response to the Fenian Raids that occurred in 1866. The drill sheds are a representative example of an early form of drill sheds in Ontario and served primarily as training facilities for volunteer regiments in Upper Canada.

The Georgetown Armoury is also closely connected to the Georgetown's military history and along with it, the Lorne Scots. The local battalion served in the 4<sup>th</sup> Battalion in WWI and various battalions in WWII, taking part in important battles such as the Sicilian Invasion in 1943.

The Old Armoury is still connected to the Battalion, as demonstrated with the plaques located on property. Many members of the battalion and the community still remember the Old Armoury's use as a site for military parades and community events in the 20<sup>th</sup> century.

<b>Contextual Value</b>	
Is important in defining, maintaining, or supporting the character of an area	<b>N/A</b>
Is physically, functionally, visually, or historically linked to its surroundings	<b>N/A</b>
Is a landmark	<b>X</b>

The Old Armoury at 1 Park Avenue is considered a historical landmark of Georgetown and the Fairgrounds due to the structure’s location at the edge of the property and it being the only building on the property. The relocation of the building being to the Fairgrounds from the Market Square also directly correlated with the community’s growing population. As the population of Georgetown began to grow, so did the number of recruits into the Halton Rifles and as a result, more space was required to train the volunteer regiment.

The site’s surroundings and two memorial plaques pay homage to the Armoury’s military history, whilst acknowledging the site’s use as a community space for public events that brought the community together. Globe Productions continues provide this space by holding fundraising events to help support their theatre productions and maintaining the Armoury building. The town’s use the drill shed and the grounds as sort of space for community events helped to reinforce the connection that Georgetown’s residents have with the building and its surroundings.

#### **4.0 Summary**

Following research and evaluation according to Ontario Regulation 9/06, it has been determined that the property at 1 Park Avenue has physical and design, historical and associative, and contextual value and therefore meets Ontario Regulation 9/06 criteria for determining cultural heritage value or interest.

The heritage attributes of the property at 1 Park Avenue are identified as follows:

- The setback, placement, and orientation of the one-storey, 19<sup>th</sup> century drill shed within the Georgetown Fairgrounds;
- The scale, form, and massing of the rectangular, gable-roofed structure;
- On the interior, the large, open space within including exposed wooden trusses, reflecting its original use and military function;
- On the exterior, the wooden board-batten cladding
- Adjacent to the drill shed, the stone memorial and plaques commemorating the military history of the building.

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