



**HERITAGE HALTON HILLS COMMITTEE
MINUTES**

Minutes of the Heritage Halton Hills Committee meeting held on Wednesday March 20, 2024 in the Esquesing Room at Town Hall, 1 Halton Hills Drive, Halton Hills, ON.

- Members Present:** Councillor C. Somerville, Chair, Councillor J. Racinsky, M. Rowe, R. Denny, A. Walker, T. Brown
- Regrets:** C. Donaldson, L. Quinlan
- Staff Present:** L. Loney, Manager of Heritage Planning, L. Bateson, R. Brown, Deputy Clerk - Administration
- Others Present:** R. McClure, H. Hoerig, B. Carney, M. Robinson, K. Robinson, D. Douglas (present for Item No. Item 4.c)
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1. CALL TO ORDER

Councillor C. Somerville, Chair called the meeting to order at 4:01 p.m.

2. DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY/CONFLICT OF INTEREST

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

3. RECEIPT OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

3.a Minutes of the Heritage Halton Hills Committee Meeting held on February 21, 2024.

Recommendation No. HHH-2024-0013

THAT Heritage Halton Hills Committee receive the Minutes of the Heritage Halton Hills Committee Meeting held on February 21, 2024.

CARRIED

4. SCHEDULED ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

4.a Heritage Property Tax Refund Program Application Review (33 Applications)

L. Loney noted that all applications were in order and for that reason staff recommend that the properties provided by staff be approved by the Committee for the 2024 Heritage Property Tax Refund Program.

Recommendation No. HHH-2024-0014

THAT Heritage Halton Hills Committee approve the 2024 Heritage Property Tax Refund Program Applications for the following addresses:

- 12428 Kirpatrick Lane
- 12438 Kirkpatrick Lane
- 14249 Tenth Line
- 15 Prince Street
- 16 George Street
- 17 McNabb Street
- 18 Queen Street
- 20 Queen Street
- 26 Queen Street
- 29 Edith Street
- 401 Draper Street
- 402 Draper Street
- 475 Guelph Street
- 504 Main Street
- 515 Main Street
- 533 Main Street
- 548 Main Street
- 586 Main Street
- 6 Prince Street
- 68 Bower Street
- 69 Bower Street

- 71 Bower Street
- 76 Bower Street
- 77 Bower Street
- 79 Bower Street
- 81 Bower Street
- 86 Main Street South
- 88 Bower Street
- 89 Bower Street
- 9722 Third Line
- 98 Church Street East
- 98 Confederation Street
- 9924 Winston Churchill Boulevard

CARRIED

4.b Research and Evaluation Report - 9094 Regional Road 25 (Chisholm House)

L. Loney stated that the property meets 5 of the 9 criteria for designation. It is a vernacular expression of the Italianate style with a mature tree-lined drive with a coniferous windrow. It has associative value to the Chisholm Family, Bob Rumball & the Bob Rumball Canadian Centre of Excellence for the Deaf. It has contextual value in its original location despite changing context. For all of these reasons staff support the designation of this property.

Recommendation No. HHH-2024-0015

THAT Heritage Halton Hills Committee recommend Council issue a Notice of Intention to Designate for the property at 9094 Regional Road 25 for designation under the *Ontario Heritage Act*.

CARRIED

4.c Research and Evaluation Report - 499 Guelph Street (Norval Presbyterian Church)

L. Loney noted that this property was moved up for research and evaluation as per a Council direction. Staff sent correspondence to the address listed for the owners of the church according to Town records, which was the Presbyterian Church in Canada. Trustees of the Norval Presbyterian Church contacted staff and expressed disappointment that they were not notified personally. Staff confirmed persons to be contacted directly moving forward.

Present at the meeting representing the Trustees of the Norval Presbyterian Church were R. McClure, H. Hoerig, B. Carney, M. Robinson, K. Robinson, and D. Douglas.

L. Loney explained the legislative process which does not require notification until Council issues a Notice of Intent to Designate. However, L. Loney also noted that it is the Town's process to notify prior to the issuing of a Notice of Intent to Designate and to include property owners in the process.

R. McClure spoke on behalf of the Trustees expressing concerns about the notification process, increased insurance premiums as a result of designation and that designation may lower the property value. It was also noted that the cast iron fence that forms part of the potential designation may be difficult to repair. The committee and staff provided feedback on these issues.

L. Loney noted that the property meets 6 of the 9 criteria for designation and is a 19th century Gothic Revival Church. It has associative value as it is associated with the early Protestant/Presbyterian community, carpenter/builder/architect Walter McKay, Ewan MacDonald, and Lucy Maud Montgomery. Contextually this property is a significant landmark. For these reasons staff support the designation of this property.

Recommendation No. HHH-2024-0016

THAT Heritage Halton Hills Committee recommend Council issue a Notice of Intention to Designate for the property at 499 Guelph Street for designation under the *Ontario Heritage Act*.

CARRIED

4.d Farmstead Criteria Application

L. Loney provided some background information regarding strategy for dealing with heritage farmsteads. L. Loney explained that the intent is to assist staff and Heritage Halton Hills in reviewing historic farmsteads and rural properties with the expected outcome that there will be some Part IV designation of farmsteads, including either individual attributes or designation as a Cultural Heritage Landscapes. Step One: Farmstead Review to help identify historic farmstead features and additional criteria for consideration. Step Two: Cultural Heritage Landscape Evaluation to determine historical integrity, cultural heritage value (9/06 Evaluation), and community value.

L. Loney noted that with these criteria the next steps are to apply the strategy going forward to upcoming research and evaluation reports as part of Bill 23 Heritage Strategy. This will help to highlight potentially significant Cultural Heritage Landscapes and earmark for additional policy protection if warranted. Identification of attributes or Cultural Heritage Landscapes may at some point be considered as part of a development application and may require interpretation vs. conservation in some cases.

Once this has been completed then it will be time to develop an incentive program for redevelopments that retain non-designated farmhouses, and/or outbuildings with or without heritage status and develop a set of urban design guidelines for farmstead redevelopment.

Recommendation No. HHH-2024-0017

THAT Heritage Halton Hills Committee recommend staff apply the Farmstead Criteria as presented for upcoming Research and Evaluation Reports concerning rural farmsteads.

CARRIED

4.e Request for Removal from Heritage Register - 9259 Fifth Line

L. Loney noted that the property does not meet the criteria for designation and only partially meets 1 of the 9 criteria prescribed under the *Ontario Heritage Act*. There are no re-development applications at this time. The property is a red brick vernacular farmhouse with Gothic Revival influences, there have been many alterations over time impacting the integrity and legibility. There is structural, water and exterior brick damage. The engineer's assessment is that it is in fair condition with water ingress issues and structural repairs needed, significant remedial work on the exterior walls. The outbuildings do not have significant value. There is some historical value as the Hardy family were original patent holders and are associated with this property. The Cultural Heritage Evaluation Report

provided indicates that this property is not a good candidate for designation and for all these reasons staff support removal of the property from the Heritage Registry.

Recommendation No. HHH-2024-0017

THAT Heritage Halton Hills Committee recommend that Council remove the property at 9259 Fifth Line from the Heritage Register.

CARRIED

4.f Properties for Additional Committee Input

L. Loney asked the committee to provide further input on some listed Properties.

The committee determined that additional research and evaluation on these properties is not required at this time.

Recommendation No. HHH-2024-0018

THAT Heritage Halton Hills Committee recommend that staff should NOT undertake additional research and evaluation for the following properties:

- 9343 Tenth Line (Menziess Farmstead)
- 7974 Sixth Line (T.J. Chisholm House)
- 10 Mill Pond Drive (David Cross House)
- 38 Mill Street East, Acton
- 16-18 & 20 Mill Street East, Acton
- 11 Albert Street, Georgetown
- 15 Queen Street, Georgetown
- 113 King St, Georgetown
- 25 King Street, Georgetown
- 82 King Street, Georgetown
- 19 Queen Street, Georgetown

CARRIED

4.g Ontario Heritage Conference

M. Rowe noted that the Ontario Heritage Conference will be taking place in Gravenhurst - June 13-15, 2024.

L. Loney asked if anyone is interested in attending the conference please contact L. Bateson to coordinate attendance.

5. ITEMS TO BE SCHEDULED FOR NEXT MEETING

6. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 6:15 p.m.