



BY-LAW NO. 2026-0023

A By-law to designate Grandview, located at 56 Queen Street, under Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act as being of cultural heritage value or interest.

WHEREAS Section 29 of the Ontario Heritage Act, R.S.O 1990, c.O.18 authorizes the Council of a municipality to enact a by-law to designate real property, including all of the buildings and structures thereon, to be of cultural heritage value or interest;

AND WHEREAS authority was granted by the Council for the Corporation of the Town of Halton Hills to designate the property located at 56 Queen Street, Georgetown, Town of Halton Hills, Regional Municipality of Halton, and known as Grandview, as being of cultural heritage value or interest;

AND WHEREAS the Council for the Corporation of the Town of Halton Hills has caused to be served upon the owners of the land and premises known as Grandview, located at 56 Queen Street, Georgetown, Town of Halton Hills, and upon the Ontario Heritage Trust, Notice of Intention to Designate the property and has caused notice of Intention to be published on the Town's website per the Town's "Ontario Heritage Act – Alternate Notice Policy";

AND WHEREAS on January 26, 2026, Council for the Town of Halton Hills approved Report No. PD-2026-006, dated January 7, 2026, in which certain recommendations were made relating to the designation of the subject property.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF HALTON HILLS ENACTS AS FOLLOWS:

1. THAT Grandview, located at 56 Queen Street, and further described in Schedule "A", is hereby designated under Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act as being of cultural heritage value or interest in the reasons set out in Schedule "B" attached to and forming part of this By-law;
2. THAT a copy of this By-law together with reasons for the designation be registered against the property and served in accordance with Section 29 of the Act;
3. THAT a notice of this By-law be published in accordance with Section 29 of the Act.

BY-LAW read and passed by the Council for the Town of Halton Hills this 9th day of March, 2026.

Originally Signed By:

MAYOR – ANN LAWLOR

Originally Signed By:

TOWN CLERK – VALERIE PETRYNIAK

SCHEDULE "A" TO BY-LAW NO. 2026-0023

LEGAL DESCRIPTION

PT LT 19, PL 37; LT 20, PL 37; PT LT 21, PL 37, SE OF QUEEN ST; PT LT 19, PL 37;
LT 20, PL 37; PT LT 21, PL 37, NW OF ALBERT ST, SECONDLY AS IN 266942 *S/T
ROW IN 266942*; HALTON HILLS *DESC AMENDED & ADDED 15 09 99 BY J
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PIN: 250400055

SCHEDULE "B" TO BY-LAW NO. 2026-0023

REASONS FOR DESIGNATION

Description of Property

The subject property is located between Queen Street and Albert Street in the community of Georgetown in the Town of Halton Hills. The existing two-and-a-half-storey residential building within the property is located on a rise above Queen Street and is accessed by a flight of concrete steps that extend between two low retaining walls within the bank. Vehicular access to the property is provided by a gravel driveway to the rear which extends into a general parking area.

Statement of Cultural Heritage Value or Interest

Grandview at 56 Queen Street is an excellent example of a Second Empire residential building within the community of Georgetown in the Town of Halton Hills. Grandview has retained its formidable two-storey form with mansard roof featuring various dormers of varied sizes, dichromatic brick within door and window surrounds, a central double-door entrance, and is located within a prominent location. The design and detailing of Grandview serve to reflect the wealth and position of its owner at the time; these details, together with the costs associated with the construction of the residence as well as its prominent location on a rise above Queen Street, represent the prominent position its original owner once had within the community. Grandview demonstrates a high degree of craftsmanship and artistic merit in its form and massing, elaborate and varied roof forms, and decorative wooden detailing throughout the exterior.

Constructed for prominent Georgetown lawyer George Stewart Goodwillie and his family in 1890 by prominent local builder and contractor William Watson, with assistance from another prominent builder Walter McKay, Grandview has significant historical and associative value within the community. An immigrant from the United States, the privately educated Goodwillie was a long-time member of the army reserves and worked first in Toronto as a lawyer before setting up his practice in Georgetown. Goodwillie and his wife Annie (née Barber), the daughter of industrialist Joseph Barber Jr. and Maria Barber (née Maw) were involved in the local community, attending the local Presbyterian church. Goodwillie was also appointed Clerk and Treasurer for the Town, was a Mason, a member of the Legion, and helped to organize the University Rifle Company.

Herbert Thomas (H.T.) Arnold purchased the property from Goodwillie in the early-twentieth century, and the home was then owned by the Arnold family for over 30 years. H.T. Arnold was a prominent entrepreneur and glove manufacturer, making gloves in first Acton and later in Georgetown at the H.T. Arnold Glove Factory at 26 Guelph Street. Arnold and his family owned many houses in Georgetown that were rented to his employees.

In the late 1930s, the Mackenzie family purchased the subject property and transformed the former mansion into apartments. Builder Samuel ("Sam") Mackenzie as part of his father J.B. Mackenzie & Son's business converted the home into six prominent suites. The Mackenzie family had several other rental properties within Georgetown, including another Second Empire mansion known as "Idylwyld" along Main Street South in Georgetown, which was also converted into apartments.

The property at 56 Queen Street has contextual value as it is important in defining and maintaining the late-nineteenth and early-twentieth-century character of the area surrounding the former Grand Trunk Railway Station in Georgetown. Located on a rise above Queen Street in Georgetown since its construction in the late-nineteenth century, Grandview remains physically, functionally, visually, and historically linked to its surroundings in the residential neighbourhood; its connection to Queen Street has been altered with fencing and retaining walls along the right of way, however it can still be viewed in its prominent location along Queen Street. Grandview has been identified as a landmark in the community and serves as an example of one of many fine homes along Queen Street at the turn of the last century.

The heritage attributes of the property at 56 Queen Street that contribute to its physical and design value include:

- The setback, location, and orientation of the existing Second Empire residential building on a rise above Queen Street within the community of Georgetown in the Town of Halton Hills;
- The scale, form, and massing of the two-and-a-half storey structure with rear wing, stone foundation, and mansard roof;
- The materials, including red brick and buff brick exterior and decorative detailing and wooden detailing throughout;
- On the front (northwest) elevation:
 - The three-bay composition;
 - At the first storey:
 - The central entrance with wooden door surround, wooden transom window, and double wooden doors, and one-storey flat-roofed porch with extended eaves, supported by paired wooden Doric columns at the front of the porch and single wooden Doric columns adjacent to the entrance;
 - Projecting window bays on either side of the main entrance, featuring continuous stone sills, the existence of single window openings (originally segmentally arched), decorative wooden cornices above the windows, and elaborate bracketed wooden eaves on the shallow roof projections above;
 - At the second storey:
 - Wooden door and window openings above the flat-roofed porch, featuring single window openings with two-over-two windowpanes, a wooden door with flatheaded window opening, and decorative wooden detailing beneath a bracketed wooden cornice;
 - On either side of the central bay, segmentally arched window openings with continuous stone sills and elaborate brick hoodmoulds;
 - Brick pilasters extending from the first storey to the eaves terminating in a bracketed wooden cornice;
 - At the upper storey, single shallow arched window dormers within each bay beneath the wooden parapet;
- On the side (northeast) elevation:
 - Two tall segmentally arched window openings with brick hood moulds on either end of the elevation, and two smaller segmentally arched window openings centered on the elevation at each storey, all with stone sills;
- On the side (southwest) elevation:
 - At the first and second storeys, several flatheaded window openings;
 - At the second storey, a single segmentally arched window opening with decorative hood mould and stone sill;
 - At the upper storey, a small shed-roofed dormer and round-arched dormer within the mansard roof;
 - Within the rear wing:
 - A large shed-roofed dormer with two window openings and smaller round-arched window opening within the mansard roof, featuring paired bracketed eaves at each corner; and,
 - Two single round-arched window openings with decorative brick hood moulds at the first and second storeys, and a smaller flatheaded window opening at the southwest corner of the elevation.

The heritage attribute of the property at 56 Queen Street that contributes to its historical and associative value includes:

- The legibility of the existing two-and-a-half storey building as a representative example of Second Empire residential architecture within the community of Georgetown in the Town of Halton Hills.

The heritage attributes of the property at 56 Queen Street that contribute to its contextual value include:

- The legibility of the existing two-and-a-half storey building as a representative example of Second Empire residential architecture within the community of Georgetown in the Town of Halton Hills;
- The setback, location, and orientation of the existing Second Empire residential building on a rise above Queen Street within the community of Georgetown in the Town of Halton Hills; and,
- The scale, form, and massing of the two-and-a-half storey structure with rear wing, stone foundation, and mansard roof.

The interiors, rear elevation facing Albert Street, and rear one-storey, three-bay garage with shed-roofed addition above have not been identified as heritage attributes of the property.