



BY-LAW NO. 2024-0031

A By-law to designate Barclay's Block, located at 87 Main Street South, Georgetown, 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 at 87 Main Street South, Georgetown, Town of Halton Hills, Regional Municipality of Halton, and known as Barclay's Block, 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 Barclay's Block at 87 Main Street South, and upon the Ontario Heritage Trust, Notice of Intention to Designate the property and has caused Notice of Intention to be published in a newspaper having a general circulation in the Municipality as required by the Ontario Heritage Act;

AND WHEREAS on March 4, 2024, Council for the Town of Halton Hills approved Report No. PD-2024-008, dated January 19, 2024, 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 Barclay's Block located at 87 Main Street South, 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 for 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 15th day of April, 2024.

Originally Signed By: _____
MAYOR – ANN LAWLOR

Originally Signed By: _____
TOWN CLERK – VALERIE PETRYNIAK

SCHEDULE "A" TO BY-LAW NO. 2024-0031

LEGAL DESCRIPTION

PIN: 250420042

PT LTS 4 & 5, PL 37, E OF MAIN ST OR S OF MILL ST, AS IN 845605; T/W 352338;
HALTON HILLS

SCHEDULE “B” TO BY-LAW NO. 2024-0031

REASONS FOR DESIGNATION

Description of Property

The property at 87 Main Street South is located along the east side of Main Street South within a commercial row. The existing two-storey building with rear additions has been modified at grade, as with many of the nineteenth-century commercial properties extant within Georgetown’s commercial core.

Statement of Cultural Heritage Value or Interest

The property at 87 Main Street South has physical and design value as the last remaining portion of the mid-nineteenth century commercial building known as Barclay’s Block within the community of Georgetown. Built for prominent entrepreneur Francis Barclay, the building featured architectural details and a form typical of nineteenth-century downtown commercial buildings in Ontario at the time. While the remaining section of Barclay’s Block has been altered from the fine commercial building identified in the 1877 Illustrated Historical Atlas of the County of Halton, the scale, form and massing, the traditional storefront, and symmetrically placed upper storey windows reflect some of its original form. Restoring the original, Flemish-bond brick beneath the existing stucco on the front elevation would further contribute to its physical value within the community of Georgetown.

The property at 87 Main Street South has historical and associative value due to its associations with prominent entrepreneur, Francis Barclay. Barclay’s Block has been the site of several department and clothing stores since its construction, with connections to Brill & Co., the Cotton Brothers, and several smaller business and services including a pool and billiards hall, barber shop, smoke and tobacco shop, and restaurant. Serving as a health food store since the 1990s, the subject property continues to serve as an important part of historic Georgetown’s commercial core.

The property at 87 Main Street South has contextual value as it is important in defining the built heritage character of the downtown. The existing remaining portion of the two-storey building known as Barclay’s Block remains in its original location, physically and functionally linked to its surroundings as a commercial property on the Georgetown main street. The scale, form and massing of the building helps to define the historic streetwall along Main Street South in the downtown.

Heritage Attributes

The identified heritage attributes of the property at 87 Main Street South that contribute to its physical and design value include:

- The setback, location, and orientation of the remaining portion of “Barclay’s Block” along Main Street South in Georgetown;
- The scale, form, and massing of the remaining portion of the mid-19th century building with modified hipped roof;
- The traditional storefront layout at the first storey, including the solid base panels at grade beneath large display window openings, recessed entry, and sign band below the second storey;
- Window openings at the second storey; and,
- Red brick in Flemish bond pattern, covered with stucco.

The interior and rear elevation have not been identified as heritage attributes as part of

this report.

The identified heritage attributes of the property at 87 Main Street South that contribute to its historical and associative value include:

- The property's legibility as the remaining portion of the mid-19th century building with modified hipped roof along Main Street South in Georgetown.

The identified heritage attributes of the property at 87 Main Street South that contribute to its contextual value include:

- The property's legibility as the remaining portion of the mid-19th century building with modified hipped roof along Main Street South in Georgetown;
- The setback, location, and orientation of the existing building along Main Street South in Georgetown; and,
- The scale, form, and massing of the two-storey building along Main Street South.