



**BY-LAW NO. 2025-0102**

A By-law to designate Limehouse Memorial Hall, located at 12389 Fifth Line, 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 12389 Fifth Line, Regional Municipality of Halton, and known as Limehouse Memorial Hall, 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 Limehouse Memorial Hall, located at 12389 Fifth Line, Limehouse, 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** the Reasons for Designation are set out in Schedule "B" of this by-law;

**AND WHEREAS** on October 27, 2025, Council for the Town of Halton Hills approved Report No. PD-2025-026, dated October 8, 2025, 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 Limehouse Memorial Hall, located at 12389 Fifth Line, 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 8th day of December, 2025.

Originally Signed By:

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MAYOR – ANN LAWLOR

Originally Signed By:

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TOWN CLERK – VALERIE PETRYNIAK

**SCHEDULE "A" TO BY-LAW NO. 2025-0102**

**LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

PT LT 22, CON 6 ESQ, AS IN 515865; HALTON HILLS/ESQUESING; S/T EASE  
H667205 OVER PT 1, 20R12314 IN FAVOUR OF PT LT 22, CON 6

PIN: 250150005

## **SCHEDULE “B” TO BY-LAW NO. 2025-0102**

### **REASONS FOR DESIGNATION**

#### **Description of Property**

The property at 12389 Fifth Line is located at the northeast corner of Fifth Line and 22 Side Road in the community of Limehouse in the Town of Halton Hills. The property includes a one-storey, late-nineteenth-century Gothic Revival church building and one-storey former drive shed and is accessed via 22 Side Road.

#### **Statement of Cultural Heritage Value or Interest**

The property at 12389 Fifth Line holds significant physical and design value as a distinctive and representative example of late-nineteenth-century ecclesiastical Gothic Revival architecture in Halton Hills. Originally a Methodist church, it stands out for its distinctive design and well-preserved Gothic architectural features including defining elements such as its materials, scale, form, and massing. Notable details include lancet arches, prominent buttresses, lancet-arched window openings, voussoirs, and stone sills. After 151 years, the building remains a testament to high craftsmanship in masonry construction, highlighted by its detailed stonework and architectural features. The former Methodist Church is also a representative example of a rural masonry Methodist church in the community of Halton Hills.

Limehouse Memorial Hall within the property at 12389 Fifth Line in Limehouse holds significant historical and associative value due to its nineteenth-century associations with the Methodist Church, the European settlement of Limehouse, prominent pioneering figures, the local lime industry, and the broader Halton Hills community. The property and building are associated with Thomas Gowdy, a prominent industrialist, politician, and owner of local lime kilns, who transferred the land in 1876 for the construction of a Methodist church. Originally built as the Methodist Episcopal Church in 1876, the structure was constructed by George Grant, with carpentry and stonework by Charles and Sam Meredith, using materials sourced from nearby quarries and woods. The church served as a place of worship for the methodist community in Limehouse for nearly five decades in the late-nineteenth and early-twentieth centuries.

Limehouse Memorial Hall is also associated with the evolution of the Methodist and United Church congregations in the community, and later local women’s and community groups. Following the Church Union of 1925, the church was closed and later acquired by the Limehouse Women’s Institute in 1945. With the support of local residents, the building was re-dedicated as the Limehouse Memorial Hall in honour of community members who served in WWI and WWII. The Women’s Institute maintained the hall until 1996, when stewardship of the property was entrusted to the residents of Limehouse.

Limehouse Memorial Hall holds significant contextual value, playing a key role in defining, maintaining, and supporting the nineteenth-century character of Limehouse. The existing building is part of a unique collection of nineteenth-century structures in the community, including a stone one-room schoolhouse, a blacksmith shop, the Gowdy mill powder house, lime kilns, and the Iron Bridge; the former church building shares similarities in scale, form, and massing with the Gibraltar Schoolhouse and the Limehouse Presbyterian Church. Several Gothic Revival-style homes and structures are also present in the area.

Limehouse Memorial Hall is physically, visually and historically connected to its surroundings, although its function has evolved over time since its construction. The former church building has served as a landmark within the area since the late-nineteenth century and has remained a gathering place for the Limehouse community since that time. Additionally, its prominent location at the corner of 22nd Side Road and Fifth Line, adjacent to the central rail bridge, makes it one of the most iconic and historically significant buildings in Limehouse.

## Heritage Attributes

The identified heritage attributes of the property at 12389 Fifth Line that contribute to its physical and design value include:

- The setback, location, and orientation of the existing c.1870s Gothic Revival religious structure along Fifth Line in the Town of Halton Hills;
- The scale, form, and massing of the one-storey Gothic Revival structure with gable roof, masonry walls, vestibule, and buttresses;
- The materials, including broken course cut limestone construction, stone sills and detailing, wooden door surround with transom featuring wooden trefoil, and stone buttresses;
- On the front (southwest) elevation:
  - The central entrance with wooden lancet transom featuring wooden trefoil and stone voussoir above;
  - The datestone inscribed, "Horeb 1876 M.E. Church", centered beneath the gable peak;
  - Stone vestibule centered on the front elevation with stone quoining;
  - Stone buttresses at each corner;
- On the side (northwest) elevation:
  - Symmetrically placed lancet window openings with stone sills, centered between stone buttresses along the elevation;
- On the side (southeast) elevation:
  - Symmetrically placed lancet window openings with stone sills, centered between stone buttresses along the elevation;
- On the rear (northeast) elevation:
  - One-storey stone projecting bay; and,
  - Single flat-headed entrance with wooden lintel.

The identified heritage attribute of the property at 12389 Fifth Line that contributes to its historical and associative value includes:

- The legibility of the property as a late-19<sup>th</sup>-century Gothic Revival church building in the community of Limehouse in the Town of Halton Hills.

The identified heritage attributes of the property at 12389 Fifth Line that contribute to its contextual value include:

- The legibility of the property as a late-19<sup>th</sup>-century Gothic Revival church building in the community of Limehouse in the Town of Halton Hills;
- The setback, location, and orientation of the existing c.1870s Gothic Revival religious structure along Fifth Line in the Town of Halton Hills; and,
- The scale, form, and massing of the one-storey Gothic Revival structure with gable roof, masonry walls, vestibule, and buttresses.