TOWN OF
HALTON HILLS

BY-LAW NO. 2026-0077

A By-law to designate the Wapshott-Lane House, located at 65 Maple Avenue 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 65 Maple Avenue, Georgetown, Town of Halton Hills, Regional Municipality of Halton, and known as the Wapshott-Lane House, 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 the Wapshott-Lane House at 65 Maple Avenue, 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 June 22, 2026, Council for the Town of Halton Hills approved Report No. PD-2026-059, dated May 29, 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 the Wapshott-Lane House, located at 65 Maple Avenue, Georgetown, 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 9th day of November, 2026.

Originally Signed By:
MAYOR – ANN LAWLOR

Originally Signed By:
TOWN CLERK – VALERIE PETRYNIAK

SCHEDULE “A” TO BY-LAW NO. 2026-0077

LEGAL DESCRIPTION

PT PPK 3, PL 60, PART 1, 20R2029; HALTON HILLS

PIN: 250590009

SCHEDULE "B" TO BY-LAW NO. 2026-0077

REASONS FOR DESIGNATION

Description of Property

The subject property is located on the southeast side of Maple Avenue in the community of Georgetown in the Town of Halton Hills. The property is a rectangular parcel and features a one-and-a-half storey cut stone building with a contemporary rear addition and a detached one-storey accessory structure.

Statement of Cultural Heritage Value or Interest

The Wapshott-Lane House at 65 Maple Avenue has physical and design value as a representative example of a Gothic Revival Ontario Cottage within the community of Georgetown in the Town of Halton Hills. The extant building features elements typical of this style, including the scale, form, and massing of the one-and-a-half storey building, the stone construction, the lancet window beneath the centre gable, the two window openings on the first storey of the front elevation, the two stone chimneys above the roofline, and the sidelights and transom flanking the doorway. The front gable peak displays evidence that the roofline once featured a finial, although, this element has since been removed. Additionally, a contemporary addition has been constructed on the rear elevation. However, despite the removal of the decorative finial and the construction of a contemporary addition, the extant building remains a representative example of a Gothic Revival Ontario Cottage.

The Wapshott-Lane House at 65 Maple Avenue has historical and associative value due to its association with the Wapshott and Lane families. John and his wife Elizabeth Wapshott (née Freestone) both emigrated from England as children and later purchased the subject property from John Cooke in 1873. In the 1881 and 1891 Censuses, John was identified as working at the "Old Paper Mill", likely referring to the nearby Barber Paper Mill. The Wapshott family were also members of the local Congregationalist church, however, were part of the Baptist church towards the end of John's life.

The property is also associated with Jonathan Lane, who purchased the property in 1908 from the Wapshott family, and lived in the extant building with his wife, Jennie (née Frazer). Lane was a prominent local realtor and advertised his services and properties for sale frequently in local newspapers. Both Jonathan and Jennie were also identified as being Methodists in Census records. In 1915, Jennie passed away, however, Jonathan continued to live on the property until his death in 1922.

The Wapshott-Lane House at 65 Maple Avenue has contextual value as it serves to define and maintain the late nineteenth-century character of Maple Avenue in the community of Georgetown. As one of the oldest remaining buildings along Maple Avenue, the extant building is physically, visually, and historically linked to its surroundings in its original location. Due to the modest scale and design of the building, along with the vegetation concealing the front elevation, the property has not been identified as a landmark.

Heritage Attributes

The heritage attributes of the property at 65 Maple Avenue that contribute to its physical and design value include:

- The setback, location, and orientation of the Wapshott-Lane House on the southeast side of Maple Avenue in the community of Georgetown in the Town of Halton Hills;
- The scale, form, and massing of the existing one-and-a-half-storey cut stone building with hipped-gable roof and stone quoining;
- The materials, including cut stone;
- The front (southwest) elevation, including:

    - Central gable peak;
    - Central lancet arched window opening with stone voussoir and sills with stone quoining surrounds;
    - Two flatheaded window openings at the first storey with stone lintels and sills with stone quoining surrounds;
- The side (northeast and southwest) elevations, including:
    - Two flatheaded window openings at the first and second storey with stone lintels and sills with stone quoining surrounds; and,
    - Two stone chimneys above the roofline.

The heritage attribute of the property at 65 Maple Avenue that contributes to its historical and associative value includes:

- The legibility of the existing building as a representative example of a late-nineteenth century Gothic Revival Ontario Cottage with cut stone, hipped-gable roof, and stone quoining along Maple Avenue within the community of Georgetown in the Town of Halton Hills.

The heritage attributes of the property at 65 Maple Avenue that contribute to its contextual value include:

- The legibility of the existing building as a representative example of a late-nineteenth century Gothic Revival Ontario Cottage with cut stone, hipped-gable roof, and stone quoining along Maple Avenue within the community of Georgetown in the Town of Halton Hills;
- The setback, location, and orientation of the Wapshott-Lane House along the southeast side of Maple Avenue in the community of Georgetown in the Town of Halton Hills; and,
- The scale, form, and massing of the existing one-and-a-half-storey building with hipped-gable roof and cut stone façade.