



BY-LAW NO. 2024- 0054

A By-law to designate Norval Presbyterian Church, located at 499 Guelph Street, Norval, 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 499 Guelph Street, Norval, Town of Halton Hills, Regional Municipality of Halton, and known as Norval Presbyterian Church, 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 Norval Presbyterian Church at 499 Guelph Street, 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 July 8, 2024, Council for the Town of Halton Hills approved Report No. PD-2024-052, dated June 21, 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 Norval Presbyterian Church located at 499 Guelph 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 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 July, 2024.

Originally Signed By:

MAYOR – ANN LAWLOR

Originally Signed By:

TOWN CLERK – VALERIE PETRYNIAK

SCHEDULE "A" TO BY-LAW NO. 2024-0054

LEGAL DESCRIPTION

LT 2 EAST OF DRAPER STREET PL NORVAL AS IN EW2722, PT LTS 11 & 12 CON
11 ESQ AS IN EW2768, PT LT 3 EAST OF DRAPER STREET PL NORVAL AS IN
EW5283; EXCEPT PT 1 20R7356 & PT 20R20592; HALTON HILLS/ESQUESING

PIN: 250590413

SCHEDULE “B” TO BY-LAW NO. 2024-0054

REASONS FOR DESIGNATION

Description of Property

The property at 499 Guelph St is an irregularly shaped parcel at the intersection of Draper Street and Guelph Street in the community of Norval. The Credit River extends along the rear lot line of the property which features mature trees. The church is located within the southern portion of the property, which is accessed from Guelph Street, with a paved parking area extending along the east side of the church and towards the rear. A decorative wrought-iron fence partially extends along the south and west lot lines along Guelph Street and Draper Street, respectively.

Statement of Cultural Heritage Value or Interest

The property at 499 Guelph Street has physical and design value as a representative example of a late-nineteenth-century Gothic Revival church, exhibiting many features typical of the style including its emphasis on verticality, string courses, hood moulds, pointed arch windows, the central buttressed tower, steeply pitched gable roof, leaded stained-glass windows. The existing church building has been well-maintained over its almost 150-year history and has retained most of its original features.

The property at 499 Guelph Street has significant value to its associations with early Protestant Christian communities in Norval and the surrounding area, and with the growth of Presbyterian congregations within the Township of Esquesing. Located along Guelph Street in Norval, the church has a long association with the Norval community. The property is also associated with local carpenter, architect, and builder Walter McKay, as well as the Reverend Ewan Macdonald and Canadian author Lucy Maud Montgomery, who served Norval Presbyterian Church between 1926 and 1935 and lived in the Norval Presbyterian Manse adjacent to the subject property.

The property at 499 Guelph Street has significant contextual value as it serves to define the character of the area within the community of Norval. Norval Presbyterian Church is physically, visually, and historically linked to its surroundings, with its historic relationship to the adjacent Manse and Caretaker’s Cottage along Draper Street to the northwest of the subject property. In its existing location for almost 150 years, Norval Presbyterian Church is a landmark in the community at the corner of Guelph Street and Draper Street.

Heritage Attributes

The identified heritage attributes of the property at 499 Guelph Street that contribute to its physical and design value include:

- The setback, location, and orientation of the church building along Guelph Street in the community of Norval within the Town of Halton Hills;
- The scale, form, and massing of the church building on a stone foundation with steeply pitched gable roof, buttresses, and central tower;
- The materials, including brick exterior and detailing, stone detailing including hood moulds, lintels, stone courses and capping on buttresses, wooden stained-glass windows throughout; as well as the wrought-iron fence extending along the south lot line and a portion of the west lot line;
- On the front (south) elevation:
 - The central buttressed tower, featuring:

- The pointed arch door opening with stone hood mould, brick voussoirs, transom stained-glass window with wooden tracery, and wooden door;
- The date-stone above the entrance, inscribed with “PRESBY^N CHURCH ERECTED A.D. 1878”;
- The single pointed arch window opening with stone hood mould, brick voussoirs, and stone sill with stained glass window featuring wooden tracery, and above the paired pointed arch openings with wooden louvers featuring a stone hood mould, brick voussoirs, and stone sill;
- At the tower roof, the base of the steeple with detailed cornice featuring arched brick detailing, brick turrets on squared bases are located at each corner of the tower with steeply pitched slopes rising to a peak on octagonal bases, and the steeple featuring wooden louvered openings with pointed roofs featuring trefoils and terminates in a finial;
- On either side of the central tower:
 - Segmentally arched window openings with brick voussoirs at grade with stone course extending along the front elevation above;
 - Buttresses extending upwards at the corners terminating with brick turrets on squared bases are located at each corner of the tower with steeply pitched slopes rising to a peak on octagonal bases;
 - Large, pointed arch window openings with stone hood moulds, brick voussoirs, and stone sills, featuring stained glass windows with wooden tracery;
 - Brick detailing at the parapet;
- On the side (east and west) elevations:
 - Brick buttresses with stone caps dividing the elevation into four bays;
 - Segmentally arched door and window openings at grade within the stone foundation, with brick voussoirs;
 - Large, pointed arch windows within each bay with stone hood moulds, brick voussoirs, and stone sills;
 - Stained glass windows with wooden tracery;
- On the rear (north) elevation, the projecting, buttressed, gable-roofed bay with centrally placed pointed arch window openings with brick voussoirs, stone sill and featuring a stained-glass window with wooden tracery; and,
- The wrought iron fence along the south and partial west lot lines.

The identified heritage attributes of the property at 499 Guelph Street that contribute to its historical and associative value include:

- The property’s legibility as a representative example of a late-nineteenth-century Gothic Revival church within the community of Norval in the Town of Halton Hills.

The identified heritage attributes of the property at 499 Guelph Street that contribute to its contextual value include:

- The property’s legibility as a representative example of a late-nineteenth-century Gothic Revival church within the community of Norval in the Town of Halton Hills;
- The setback, location, and orientation of the church building along Guelph Street in the community of Norval within the Town of Halton Hills; and,

- The scale, form, and massing of the church building on a stone foundation with steeply pitched gable roof, buttresses, and central tower.