



BY-LAW NO. 2025-0097

A By-law to designate the Joseph Williams House, located at 511 Main Street, Glen Williams, 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 511 Main Street, Glen Williams, Regional Municipality of Halton, and known as the Joseph Williams 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 Joseph Williams House, located at 511 Main Street, Glen Williams, 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 6, 2025, Council for the Town of Halton Hills approved Report No. PD-2025-054, dated September 17, 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 the Joseph Williams House, located at 511 Main 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 17th day of November, 2025.

Originally Signed By:

MAYOR – ANN LAWLOR

Originally Signed By:

TOWN CLERK – VALERIE PETRYNIAK

SCHEDULE "A" TO BY-LAW NO. 2025-0097

LEGAL DESCRIPTION

PT VILLAGE LOT 63, PL 49 & PT LT 21, CON 10 ESQ DES AS PTS 2,3,5,6,7,8 ON
20R17447; HALTON HILLS/ESQUESING. S/T INTEREST IN 19109. S/T EASEMENT
IN GROSS OVER PTS 3,5,6,7,8, 20R17447 AS IN HR624717

PIN: 250580267

SCHEDULE "B" TO BY-LAW NO. 2025-0097

REASONS FOR DESIGNATION

Description of Property

The property at 511 Main Street is located along the southeast side of Main Street in Glen Williams, northeast of the Credit River. The property is an irregular-shaped parcel and contains the first residential form building on the east side of Main Street entering the main village. The building forms part of the Williams Mill complex, connected to the other extant buildings through the existing parking lot to the rear of the property. The existing residential building on the subject property is a two-storey, red brick building with side-gable roof.

Statement of Cultural Heritage Value or Interest

The Joseph Williams House is an excellent, representative example of a Georgian Revival residential building within the community of Glen Williams in the Town of Halton Hills. Notwithstanding minor alterations to the exterior of the building, the defining characteristics of the Joseph Williams House have been conserved since its construction in the mid-19th century. Elements contributing to the Georgian Revival style of the building include the scale, form, and massing of the two-storey building, the three flatheaded window openings and stone sills. Although the original dual chimneys on either end of the gable roof and one-storey wooden porch are no longer extant, the existing building continues to serve as a representative example of the Georgian style in the community.

The property at 511 Main Street in Glen Williams has significant historical and associative value due to its associations with the Williams family, milling industry, and its later owners, the Hepburn family. Built for significant local businessperson Joseph Williams, the home served as his family home while Williams served as proprietor of the woollen and flour mills adjacent to the property. The home was captured in the 1877 *Illustrated Historical Atlas of the County of Halton*, which also profiled Joseph Williams and other members of the powerful local family. Despite a period of well-documented business failures and an attempt to run from his responsibilities to the United States, Williams would return to his community and continue making his mark in local industry. Williams installed an electric generator in the basement of the sawmill and sold this power to the community of Georgetown while converting the mill to a hosiery factory; towards the end of the 19th century, Williams sold the mill to H.P. Lawson who would form the Georgetown Power and Light Company.

The Joseph Williams House was later owned by local carpenter John Hepburn and his wife Isobel Hepburn who were involved members of the community. John Hepburn worked at the Apple Products Plant in the former sawmill next door for many years and operated a local Taxi service. Williams also was an avid curler, and he and Isobel Williams were also members of St. Alban the Martyr Anglican Church in Glen Williams.

In its original location along Main Street within Glen Williams, the Joseph Williams House has contextual value as a significant landmark at the south gateway to the community to the northeast of the Credit River. The mid-19th century residential building is physically, visually, and historically linked to its surroundings despite its current use as a commercial building. The Joseph Williams House is important in defining and maintaining the character of the area.

Heritage Attributes

The heritage attributes of the property at 511 Main Street that contribute to its physical and design value are identified as follows:

- The setback, location, and orientation of the existing building along Main Street in the community of Glen Williams, Town of Halton Hills;

- The scale, form, and massing of the existing two-storey building with side gable roof and stone foundation;
- The materials, including red brick exterior and detailing, wooden detailing throughout, and stone sills throughout;
- The front (northwest) elevation, including:
 - o Single flat-headed entrance;
 - o At the first storey, two symmetrically placed tall flatheaded window openings with jack arches above with brick voussoirs;
 - o At the second storey, three symmetrically placed flatheaded window openings with stone sills and truncated brick voussoirs;
- The side (northeast) elevation, including:
 - o The returning eaves;
 - o The single flatheaded window opening at the first storey, and two flatheaded window openings at the second storey, with stone sills and jack arches with brick voussoirs;
- The side (southwest) elevation, including:
 - o The returning eaves;
 - o The single flatheaded window opening at the first storey, and two flatheaded window openings at the second storey, with stone sills and jack arches with brick voussoirs; and,
 - o The infilled window opening towards the front elevation with jack arch and brick voussoirs.

The heritage attribute of the property at 511 Main Street that contributes to its historical and associative value is identified as follows:

- The legibility of the existing building within the property as a representative example of a mid-19th century Georgian residential building within the community of Glen Williams;

The heritage attributes of the property at 511 Main Street that contribute to its contextual value are identified as follows:

- The legibility of the existing building within the property as a representative example of a mid-19th century Georgian residential building within the community of Glen Williams;
- The setback, location, and orientation of the existing building along Main Street in the community of Glen Williams, Town of Halton Hills; and,
- The scale, form, and massing of the existing two-storey building with side gable roof and stone foundation.

The rear additions, rear elevation, and interiors have not been identified as heritage attributes of the property.