



BY-LAW NO. 2026-0034

A By-law to designate Churchill Community Church, located at 14406 Third 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 14406 Third Line, Town of Halton Hills, Regional Municipality of Halton, and known as Churchill Community 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 Churchill Community Church, located at 14406 Third Line, 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 on February 17, 2026, Council for the Town of Halton Hills approved Report No. PD-2026-017, dated January 23, 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 Churchill Community Church, located at 14406 Third 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 in 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 20th day of April, 2026.

Originally Signed By:

MAYOR – ANN LAWLOR

Originally Signed By:

TOWN CLERK – VALERIE PETRYNIAK

SCHEDULE "A" TO BY-LAW NO. 2026-0034

LEGAL DESCRIPTION

PT LT 32, CON 3 ESQ, AS IN 263179, 266102; AS SHOWN ON PL 1098; HALTON
HILLS/ESQUESING

PIN: 250030005

SCHEDULE "B" TO BY-LAW NO. 2026-0034

REASONS FOR DESIGNATION

Description of Property

The property at 14406 Third Line is a rectangular-shaped parcel located at the southwest intersection of 32 Side Road and Third Line in the Town of Halton Hills in the former Township of Esquesing. The property is located within a primarily agricultural context to the south, east, and north, with several residential buildings to the west along 32 Side Road. The one-storey church building is located within the northwest half of the lot, while the southeast half of the lot features a gravel driveway. The historic cemetery associated with the church is located on the other side of Third Line and is bordered by mature trees.

Statement of Cultural Heritage Value or Interest

Churchill Community Church is a representative example of an early-19th-century, rural vernacular frame church building in the Town of Halton Hills. The original portion of the church features a simple rectangular plan and medium-pitched gable roof, common in pioneer, first-generation churches in Ontario, and symmetrically placed, rectangular window openings along each side elevation. The simplicity of the church's construction and materials reflects the modest rural community which established the early Congregational Church in this area and remains an important reminder of the area's early settlement with veteran's grants following the War of 1812.

Churchill Community Church is directly associated with the early pioneer settlement of the surrounding area, early religious life during the 19th-century, and the establishment of Christian places of worship within the Town of Halton Hills. The property is also associated with early settlers and United Empire Loyalists John Snyder and Jacob Swackhamer, who both fought in the Battle of Lundy's Lane in Niagara Falls, and were closely associated with General Sir Isaac Brock. Following the War of 1812, John Snyder and Jacob Swackhamer received land grants in Esquesing Township for their loyalty to the Crown. The extant church building at 14406 Third Line remains a tangible symbol of and connection to the social and cultural network of this rural landscape and surrounding community, and represents the evolution of the Congregational, Methodist, and Presbyterian denominations in the early 20th-century with the establishment of the United Church of Canada, and the church's later transition away from the United Church to a non-denominational place of worship as a Community Church.

The existing church building at 14406 Third Line, throughout its history as an early Congregational Church and later United Church to its current use as a Community Church, is important in defining and maintaining the character of the area. In its original location at the highest point in the Town of Halton Hills, Churchill Community Church has remained physically and visually linked to the surrounding topography and has continued to serve as a place of worship since its construction almost 200 years ago. Built by early settlers of the area adjacent to an early burial ground for the community at Churchill Cemetery, Churchill Community Church has remained a landmark here since 1838.

The heritage attributes of the property at 14406 Third Line that contribute to its physical and design value are identified as follows:

- The setback, location, and orientation of the existing building at the intersection of 32 Side Road and Third Line in the historic Churchill community in the Town of Halton Hills;
- The scale, form, and massing of the raised one-storey, rectangular plan frame building with medium-pitched gable roof with returning eaves;
- The scale, form, and massing of the one-storey vestibule addition at the northeast elevation, including gable roof, central entrance, and symmetrically placed rectangular window openings on either side;

- The materials, including frame construction; and,
- Along the side (northwest and southeast) elevations, symmetrically placed rectangular window openings.

The heritage attribute of the property at 14406 Third Line that contributes to its historical and associative value is identified as follows:

- The legibility of the existing building within the property as an early-19th-century vernacular rural frame church building within the historic Churchill community in the Town of Halton Hills.

The heritage attributes of the property at 14406 Third Line that contribute to its contextual value are identified as follows:

- The legibility of the existing building within the property as an early-19th-century vernacular rural frame church building within the historic Churchill community in the Town of Halton Hills;
- The setback, location, and orientation of the existing building at the intersection of 32 Side Road and Third Line in the historic Churchill community in the Town of Halton Hills; and,
- The scale, form, and massing of the raised one-storey, rectangular plan frame building with medium-pitched gable roof with returning eaves.

The interiors, rear addition, basement level, existing exterior cladding, and contemporary central tower feature have not been identified as heritage attributes of the property.