



BY-LAW NO. 2023-0058

A By-law to designate Limehouse Presbyterian Church, located at 12418 Sixth Line, Halton Hills 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 12418 Sixth Line, Town of Halton Hills, Regional Municipality of Halton, and known as Limehouse 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 Limehouse Presbyterian Church at 12418 Sixth Line, and upon the Ontario Heritage Trust, Notice of Intention to Designate the property and has caused Notice of Intention to be published in a newspaper having a general circulation in the Municipality as required by the Ontario Heritage Act;

AND WHEREAS the Reasons for Designation are set out in Schedule "B" of this by-law;

AND WHEREAS on May 8, 2023, Council for the Town of Halton Hills approved Report No. PD-2023-026, dated March 22, 2023, 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 Presbyterian Church located at 12418 Sixth 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 19th day of June, 2023.

Originally Signed By:

MAYOR – ANN LAWLOR

Originally Signed By:

TOWN CLERK – VALERIE PETRYNIAK

SCHEDULE "A" TO BY-LAW NO. 2023-0058

LEGAL DESCRIPTION

PIN: 250060056

PT LT 23, CON 6 ESQ, AS IN 251192, EXCEPT 328345, 328346 & 328347; PT LT 23,
CON 6 ESQ, AS IN EH189; HALTON HILLS/ESQUESING

SCHEDULE “B” TO BY-LAW NO. 2023-0058

REASONS FOR DESIGNATION

Description of Property

Limehouse Presbyterian Church is located at 12418 Sixth Line in the Town of Halton Hills. The property contains a one-storey church building and one-storey former horse shed building.

Statement of Cultural Heritage Value or Interest

The property 12418 Sixth Line has physical and design value as a unique example of a mid-nineteenth-century church and shed, symmetrically designed using timber frame construction and hand-hewn materials. It is well preserved after 161 years. The church structure references the simplicity of a rural Protestant church architecture in its form and detailing with wood siding, rectangular shape, modest roof pitch and a balanced facade of three symmetrically placed windows on both sides. It is a representative example of a simple rural Protestant church displaying monetary and architectural restraint. It is devoid of much exterior ornament except for the large, coloured glass windows and represents the social and economic fabric of its era and surroundings. The horse shed is a well-preserved structure compatible with the church building and demonstrates the use of horses when the church was originally constructed.

The property at 12418 Sixth Line has historical and associative value with the Presbyterian church in the early European settlement of Limehouse and the Halton Hills community. It has an association with early European pioneers, who had the desire to form a congregation as early as 1832 reflecting the Protestant Christian beliefs of the residents in the Limehouse area. There are very few of these frame structures so well-preserved remaining in the rural area of Esquesing. The shed reinforces the importance of horse transportation in the nineteenth century and the need to protect the health of the horses so essential to their lifestyle. Some of the early members of the church were local business owners, merchants, and landowners, and the stone markers in the cemetery remind us of these pioneering families and their descendants.

The property at 12418 Sixth Line is important for its contextual value. The church and shed are compatible with the character of the area. It is physically, functionally, visually, and historically linked to its surroundings. It is recognized as a landmark in the area and part of a unique collection of nineteenth century homes, stone one room schoolhouse, blacksmith shop, stone memorial hall (Methodist Church), the Gowdy mill powder house, lime kilns, Iron Bridge and conservation parks and trails in Limehouse. The wood siding, symmetry, roof pitch and eave returns of the church are very similar to the old hotel (apartments) in the village of Limehouse. The church and cemetery located at the eastern extent of the village of Limehouse serve as an unofficial entrance to the village.

Heritage Attributes

The identified heritage attributes of the property at 12418 Sixth Line that contribute to its physical and design value include:

- The scale, form, and massing of the one-story rectangular church structure with high walls;
 - The moderately-pitched roof with gable ends facing Sixth Line and the cemetery towards the rear with twelve-inch bargeboard and eave returns;
 - The materials, including original clapboard siding including wide, flat, vertical corner details;
 - Along the sides of the main structure, the three original tall-pointed windows, symmetrically placed and trimmed with flat six-inch wood casing,

with stained glass windows with wood mullions featuring clear and amber pebbled translucent glass within the lower two-thirds of the window and dark red and blue transparent glass within the upper third; and,

- The 1961 addition, featuring wooden seven-inch siding, eave returns, moderately pitched gable roof, and central window.
- The scale, form, and massing of the one-story horse shed of wood construction including two-by-six-inch rafters beneath a moderately-pitched roof with gable ends and shallow eaves;
 - Visible post and beam construction with mortise and tenon joinery of hand-hewn posts and beams supported by diagonal braces;
 - Mid-height girts and iron rings within the interior;
 - Materials, including the vertical ten-to-twelve-inch barn board on the exterior and pine boards along the roof; and,
 - The central opening flanked by two smaller openings.

The identified heritage attributes of the property at 12418 Sixth Line that contribute to its historical and associative value include:

- The property's legibility as a well-preserved one-storey church building with 1960s addition, with original horse shed;
- The setback, placement and orientation of the one-storey church building and one-storey horse shed building within the property.

The identified heritage attributes of the property at 12418 Sixth Line that contribute to its contextual value include:

- The property's legibility as a well-preserved one-storey church building with 1960s addition, with original horse shed;
- The setback, placement and orientation of the one-storey church building and one-storey horse shed building within the property.