



**BY-LAW NO. 2025-0084**

A By-law to designate Tracey House, located at 32 Stewarttown Road, Stewarttown, 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 32 Stewarttown Road, Stewarttown, Town of Halton Hills, Regional Municipality of Halton, and known as Tracey 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 Tracey House at 32 Stewarttown Road, 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 August 25, 2025, Council for the Town of Halton Hills approved Report No. PD-2025-048, dated August 8, 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 Tracey House located at 32 Stewarttown Road, 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; and,
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 6<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2025.

Originally Signed By:

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MAYOR – ANN LAWLOR

Originally Signed By:

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TOWN CLERK – VALERIE PETRYNIAK

**SCHEDULE "A" TO BY-LAW NO. 2025-0084**

**LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

PIN: 250160044

PT LTS 7 & 8 SWM, PL 1550; BEING PLAN OF STEWARTTOWN, AS IN 855807;  
FORMERLY; PT LT 16, CON 7 ESQ; HALTON HILLS.

## **SCHEDULE “B” TO BY-LAW NO. 2025-0084**

### **REASONS FOR DESIGNATION**

#### **Description of Property**

The property at 32 Stewarttown Road is located at the intersection of Stewarttown Road and Mill Pond Drive in the community of Stewarttown in the Town of Halton Hills. The property contains a single detached, one-and-a-half storey dwelling with rear accessory structure accessed from Mill Pond Drive. Several mature trees are located in the side yard which is fenced along the lot line.

#### **Statement of Cultural Heritage Value or Interest**

Tracey House, located at 32 Stewarttown Road, has physical and design value as a unique example of a one-and-a-half-storey, pre-Confederation, Georgian residential building with Neo-Classical influences within the community of Stewarttown in the Town of Halton Hills. Built c.1848, the Georgian-era, one-and-a-half storey building features classical detailing, including a refined brick exterior, with brick laid in Flemish Bond, symmetry along the front and rear elevations, returning eaves at either end of the front gable roof, a bracketed wooden gable roof over the front entrance, and a small transom window above.

Tracey House has significant historical and associative value, with direct associations with Richard Tracey, the first Clerk and Treasurer of the Township of Esquesing, and his family, including his wife, Flora McNabb. Richard Tracey, a postmaster and merchant in Stewarttown, was also a significant figure in Glen Williams, hiring Timothy Eaton, future founder of the T. Eaton empire, as his clerk and bookkeeper for his store in that community. Tracey House was also home to Richard Tracey’s son, John Alexander Tracey, who like his father served as Clerk for many years, and in the 1930s was home to Joseph C. Standish, great-grandson of Joseph Standish, whose home was the site of the first recorded meeting of Esquesing Township in 1821. Following Richard Tracey’s death, his widow Flora McNabb would marry Lieutenant Colonel John Murray, a notable public figure who had significant connections to John Henry Shepherd. Shepherd had escaped with his mother through the Underground Railroad into Canada, going on to work and live with the Murray family in following years.

In 1879 the Township rented the building across from the subject property, owned by the Tracey family, to serve as a Township Hall; the Township of Esquesing Council would meet here between 1851 and 1963.

The property at 32 Stewarttown Road has contextual value as it serves to define, maintain, and support the character of the surrounding area within the community of Glen Williams. The property remains physically, functionally, visually, and historically linked to its surrounding along Stewarttown Road, however due to its size and setback from the right of way has not been identified as a landmark.

#### **Heritage Attributes**

The heritage attributes of the property at 32 Stewarttown Road that contribute to its design and physical value are identified as follows:

- The setback, location, and orientation of the existing building along Stewarttown Road in the community of Stewarttown in the Town of Halton Hills;

- The scale, form, and massing of the original one-and-a-half storey brick building with gable roof featuring returning eaves and stone foundation;
- The materials, including brick facades laid in Flemish bond, brick detailing, and wooden architectural detailing throughout;
- At the front (northeast) elevation:
  - The asymmetrically located single flatheaded entrance with glass transom above;
  - The bracketed wooden gable roof above the entrance;
  - Flatheaded window openings at the first and second storeys with sills;
- Along the side (southeast) elevation:
  - The flatheaded window opening with sill below and brick voussoirs above;
  - The rear wood frame summer kitchen addition;
- At the rear (southwest) elevation, the two symmetrically placed flatheaded window openings at the first storey with sills below and brick voussoirs above, and the flatheaded window opening at the upper storey beneath the gable peak featuring sill and brick voussoirs above;
- Along the side (northwest) elevation, the single flatheaded window opening with brick voussoirs above.

The heritage attribute of the property at 32 Stewarttown Road that contributes to its historical and associative value includes:

- The legibility of the existing house as a mid-nineteenth century Georgian building with Neo-Classical influences along Stewarttown Road within the community of Stewarttown in the Town of Halton Hills.

The heritage attributes of the property at 32 Stewarttown Road that contribute to its contextual value include:

- The legibility of the existing house as a mid-nineteenth century Georgian building with Neo-Classical influences along Stewarttown Road within the community of Stewarttown in the Town of Halton Hills;
- The setback, location, and orientation of the existing building along Stewarttown Road in the community of Stewarttown in the Town of Halton Hills; and,
- The scale, form, and massing of the original one-and-a-half storey brick building with gable roof featuring returning eaves and stone foundation.

Contemporary window and door openings, the side (northwest) one storey addition, roof dormers, and interiors have not been identified as heritage attributes as part of this report.